

COURAGE – Part 3

FEAR LESS

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OUR MISSION...to see lives changed through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

- Fear is a liar.

Acting in Fear...

- ...doesn't improve my situation.
- ...robs my joy.
- ...smothers my confidence.
- ...clouds my judgement.
- ...paralyzes my thinking.
- ...impersonates the truth.

"In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NASB)

1. Trust God's presence.

"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20 (NLT)

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you." John 14:16 (NLT)

2. Trust God's power.

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth."
Matthew 28:18 (NLT)

"...greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." 1
John 4:4 (NASB)

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You."
Psalm 56:3 (NASB)

3. Trust God's provision.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and
of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need
for living a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to
die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 (NLT)

Talk it Over

1. How can fear negatively affect us?
2. What is the difference between fear and courage?
3. Read Psalm 56:3, 2 Timothy 1:7, 2 Peter 1:3, and Romans 5:8. What does trust have to do with courage?
4. Heart Check: Is fear keeping me from trusting God? Am I willing to surrender my fears to God?