

Fairfield Baptist Church

Hamilton

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Online of Service

Courage

Songs online

Come People of the Risen King

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Because He Lives

Bible Reading

Psalms 37:1-8, 37-40

Peter Day

Message

Courage

Introduction

Courage

Courageous

Courageousness

Encouragement

Discouragement

Meaning

Courage

Bravery, Nerve, Pluck, Boldness, Confidence.

"a lack of fear"

"the ability to do something that frightens one"

"to show oneself strong"

Words to use.

Confidence

Strength

Faith

Determination

Bible Examples

Old Testament

Moses to Joshua

Into the land

Deuteronomy 31:6-7

⁶ **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified** because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.

Joshua 1:9

⁹ Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged**, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

David to Solomon

Building the temple

1 Chronicles 28:20-21

²⁰ David also said to Solomon his son, "**Be strong and courageous**, and do the work. **Do not be afraid** or discouraged, for **the LORD God, my God, is with you**. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished. ²¹ The divisions of the priests and Levites are ready for all the work on the temple of God, and every willing person skilled in any craft will help you in all the work. The officials and all the people will obey your every command."

Moses to Joshua

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New Testament

Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 16:13

(a Church group of people)

¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; **be courageous**; be strong.

Paul to Timothy

2 Timothy 1:7 (an individual young Christian leader)

⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline

Jesus to the Disciples.

Matthew 14:22-36 – Jesus Walks on the Water

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: **"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."**

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. **"You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"**

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

Book

"If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat."

Paul to the Corinthians

Living their faith

Paul to Timothy

Planting a Church

Jesus to the Disciples

Walking on the Water

Psalms 27:1,13-14

Psalm 27:1**New Living Translation**

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—

so why should I be afraid?

The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger,

so why should I tremble?

Psalm 27:13-14**New King James Version**

¹³ *I would have lost heart,* unless I had believed

That I would see the goodness of the LORD

In the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD;

Be of good courage,

And He shall strengthen your heart;

Wait, I say, on the LORD!

Psalm 27:13-14**New Living Translation**

¹³ Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness

while I am here in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait patiently for the LORD.

Be brave and courageous.

Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

Psalms 31:23-24**New Living Translation**

²³ Love the LORD, all you godly ones!

For the LORD protects those who are loyal to him,
but he harshly punishes the arrogant.

²⁴ So be strong and courageous,

all you who put your hope in the LORD!

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What does it mean to have courage?

What does it mean to be courageous?

The absence of fear

The presence of Trust

The absence of fear of my circumstances.

The presence of Total Trust in God.

“True courage is not the absence of fear –

but the willingness to proceed in spite of it.”

"Christian hope from a Biblical perspective is a future certainty grounded in a present reality." Victor Shepherd

"The darker the night the brighter the light."

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.*

- attributed to Francis of Assisi

The fear of the Lord tends to take away all other fears... This is the secret of Christian courage and boldness.

Communion Time

Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or discouraged,
for
The LORD our God is with you.

I want us to hold onto the concept of **courage** as we share communion together today.

Come with me in your thinking to the event when Jesus returns to Jerusalem.

There are two characteristics, two qualities of Jesus I want us to see today.

Jesus shows His Courage and His Compassion as He nears Jerusalem.

For several days or weeks, Jesus and his disciples have been making their way from Galilee to Jerusalem. This eighty mile journey began in Luke 9:51 and ended in Luke 19:27.

Our text takes place in Jerusalem and culminates with the arrest, torture, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. This morning, our attention is drawn to the grand entry Jesus made into Jerusalem on what is now known as Palm Sunday.

Just before Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, he sent two disciples into a nearby village to secure a colt for him to ride on the final leg of the journey.

When the disciples returned with the donkey, they threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

Immediately, Jesus began his descent into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives.

As Jesus made his way down the slope, many spread their cloaks or palm branches on the path before him.

When Jerusalem came into Jesus' view on the Mount of Olives, he broke down and cried.

Let me read a few verses from Luke 19: 36-48 NLT

Yes Here we see Jesus courage –

Here we see Jesus compassion –

He knew what was to happen to Him in Jerusalem and

He knew what was to happen to that city and its people.

He knew crucifixion was coming for Him.

He knew that total destruction of Jerusalem and death for many of its people was coming for them.

Not only do we have this event that we can read about and appreciate, but Jesus has left us with Communion so we can remember Him in all His goodness and greatness.

Today we remember His courage and His compassion.

Courage.	-	Went to the Cross
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Compassion	-	Care for people
		The Cross
		The Communion