

OUR CAPACITY

Living Courageously?

What is Courage?

"Courage (also called bravery) is the choice and willingness to confront agony, pain, danger, uncertainty, or intimidation."



1. Courage - Door into God's Promises

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 NLT

⁶ "So be strong and courageous! <u>Do not be afraid and do not panic</u> before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

⁷ Then Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, "Be strong and courageous! For you will lead these people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors he would give them. You are the one... ⁸ <u>Do not be afraid or discouraged</u>, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."



"Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy."



2. Fear and Courage Have Voices...

Psalm 27:1-3 NLT

¹The 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? ² When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. ³ Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.



Q. Why Does God Encourage 'Courage'...?

1.God is With Us Genesis 28:15 NLT ¹⁵ What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go."

2. Faith is Activated 1 Samuel 17:45 $_{NLT}$ ⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

3. Capacity is Discovered Psalm 60:12 NLT ¹² With God's help we will do mighty things, for he will trample down our foes.



3. How To Build Confidence...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 _{NLT}

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be <u>thankful in</u> all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies,
²¹ but test everything that is said. <u>Hold on to</u> what is good.
²² Stay away from every kind of evil.



Q. How Can I Live Courageously...?

- **1. Recognise where I'm cautious**
- 2. Take deliberate, 'God Inspired' risks
- 3. Learn, and GO again
- 4. Share my testimony! Inspire others...

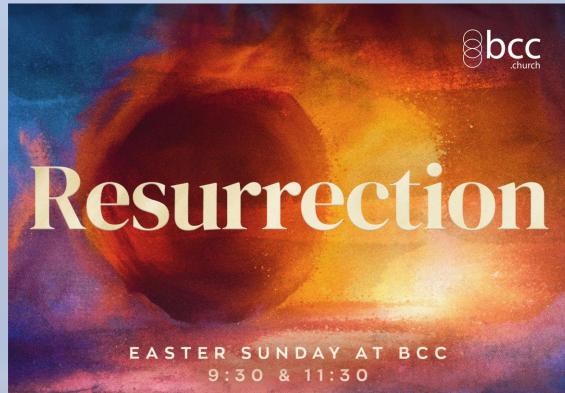


4. Promises To Those Living Courageously...

Isaiah 41:10 NLT

¹⁰ Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

John 14:27 $_{\rm NLT}$ ²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.





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