

Stepping Into...

Courage

1 Samuel 22:1-2 ESV

¹ David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. ² And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.

Psalm 46:1-3, 7,11 NIV

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

1. A COURAGEOUS PERSON VALUES HIS LIFE... AND FIGHTS FOR IT

2Samuel 23:8 NKJV

⁸ These *are* the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief among the captains. He was called Adino the Eznite, because he had killed eight hundred men at one time.

Isaiah 41:10-13 ESV

¹⁰ Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

¹¹ Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.

¹² You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. ¹³ For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

2. A COURAGEOUS PERSON VALUES WHAT HE BELIEVES IN... AND FIGHTS FOR IT

2Samuel 23:9-10 ESV

⁹ And next to him among the three mighty men was Eleazar the son of Dodo, son of Ahohi. He was with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel withdrew. ¹⁰ He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the Lord brought about a great victory that day, and the men returned after him only to strip the slain.

Joshua 1:1-6 ESV

¹After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²“Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

Romans 12:2 ESV

**A THOUGHT gives birth to an ATTITUDE
An ATTITUDE gives birth to an ACTION
An ACTION gives birth to a HABIT
A HABIT gives birth to CHARACTER
CHARACTER gives birth to DESTINY**

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

3. A COURAGEOUS PERSON VALUES WHAT BELONGS TO HIM... AND FIGHTS FOR IT

2Samuel 23:11-12 NKJV

¹¹And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines. ¹² But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.

Luke 16:10-11 ESV

¹⁰ One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

4. A COURAGEOUS PERSON VALUES OTHERS ...THEY SERVE AND HONOUR THEM

2Samuel 23:15-17 ESV

¹⁵ And David said longingly, “Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!”¹⁶ Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and carried and brought it to David. But he would not drink of it. He poured it out to the Lord ¹⁷ and said, “Far be it from me, O Lord, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives?” Therefore, he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Galatians 6:9-10 ESV

⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 ESV

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

- **Would you be willing to fight with perseverance for your own life?**
- **Would you be willing to go against the grain and act on your beliefs?**
- **Would you be willing to work and defend what belongs to you?**
- **Would you be willing to do what it takes to serve and honour others?**
- **These are the characteristics of a true courageous person...!**

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