

Devotional **Be Encouraged**

Joshua 1:9 – *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

Napoleon called Marshall Ney the bravest man he'd ever known. Yet one morning before a battle, the Marshall's knee trembled so badly that he had difficulty mounting his horse. When he was finally in the saddle, he shouted down at his limbs; “Shake away knees; you would shake more if you knew where I was taking you.”

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is conquering fear.

Some Biblical examples:

1. Gideon – He was down to 300 soldiers from 32,000 and he confronted an ocean of enemies (Judges 7).
2. Apostle Peter – He stepped out of the boat to walk on water. (Matthew 14)
3. Caleb – At age 85 conquered the hill country (even though he was denied it for 40 years) (Joshua 14)
4. The Women who was bleeding for 12 years (Mark 4). She demonstrated great courage when she said to herself *“If only I touched His garment, I will be healed.”*

Courage is:

- a. Doing with God what you have never done before,
- b. Going with God where you have never been before,
- c. Receiving from God what you have never had before, and
- d. Choosing to take with God the road less traveled – the hard path – because it is the right path.

Do you need strength today? Are facing a difficult challenge?

You are not alone.

John 14:16-17 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be with you.”*

The Holy Spirit is the power that is living within you. Have courage today. Do something different – for yourself and for God.

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