

Biblical Courage
Deut 31:7-8
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Thesis: I want to show what the Bible says about true courage.

Intro: 1. Courage for God and what is right is vital in being faithful to God.
2. The Bible says a lot about courage and gives us many examples of such.

I. Commanded & Expected of God's People

1. Be of good courage (**Deut 31:22-23**)
2. Be strong and courageous (**Joshua 1:6; 1 Chron 28:20**)
3. "Quit you like men" (**1 Cor 16:13**)
4. God has given us spirit of power (**2 Tim 1:7**)

II. Biblical Examples

1. Joshua & Caleb (**Numbers 13:30 & 14**)
2. Gideon attacking Midianites (**Judges 7:7-23**)
3. David slaying Goliath (**1 Sam 17:32-50**)
4. Daniel & his faithful prayers (**Dan 6:10**)
5. Paul & John – obeying God (**Acts 4:19; 5:29**)

III. How We Demonstrate Courage Today

1. Seeking first the kingdom of God (**Mt 6:33**)
2. Faithfully following Christ (**Mt 10:22**)
3. Enduring persecution (**2 Tim 3:12**)
4. Suffering/enduring temptation (**1 Pt 1:5-6**)

IV. Lessons for us Today.

- A. When Christians need courage?
 1. When facing temptation
 2. When facing doctrinal error
- B. Courage is different from being argumentative.
 1. Some think courage is simply arguing for their point of view.
 2. Courage for the truth is not argumentative, but devotion for truth.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Courage for what is right is another sign of faithfulness to God.
2. Let us not be fearful, but loyal and courageous for the cause of Christ (**2 Tim 1:7**).
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9