

Brave
Deut 31:6-8
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of the Christian being brave.

- Intro:
1. Brave – Strong’s; to act manly: — quit like men.
AV (1) - quit you like men 1; to make a man of or make brave to show oneself a man, be brave
 2. While this is spoken of here as acting manly, we will apply this today as being strong, unafraid and acting mature
 - i. All of these are rare today

I. How does one show themselves to be brave?

- A. One can show themselves to be brave by obeying God’s commands.
 1. Exodus 3:10 – God called Moses to go to Pharaoh
 - a. **Exodus 3:11** – I’m not the person for this
 - b. **Exodus 4:1,10,13**,
 - c. Moses doubted his own ability but ultimately obeyed God.
- B. One can show themselves to be brave when you are outnumbered
 1. Numbers were not a factor on Mount Carmel (**1 Kings 18:22;23-24**)
 2. One shows their cowardice when they bow to the crowd (**Ex 32:1-2**)

II. Be strong ... do not fear (*Deut 31:6-8*)

- A. Be strong
 1. Knowledge makes one strong (**2 Tim 3:14-17**)
 2. Loyal faith makes one strong (**2 Tim 1:13a**)
 - a. Hold fast – loyalty to the truth requires one to be brave
- B. Do not fear
 1. Christians should not fear man (**Isa 41:10, 51:12**)
 2. The Christian only fears God (**Ecc 12:13-14**)

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. The Christian must be brave
 1. **Bravery is a must for the Christian.**
 2. **Without bravery one can falter under pressure and return to a way of life that on results in death (Romans 6:23a)**
- B. The World needs brave Christians
 1. It will be impossible to be a light for the world if we hide away from them (**Mt 5:14-15**)
 2. The Christian is called to be different, to be righteous, to show God’s righteousness in our own lives (**1 Pt 4:4a**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Are you willing to be the brave person God's Word tells you to be?
2. We can see the importance of being a brave Christian when we consider the world around us.
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