

**COURAGE:**

*"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* – JOSH 1:9

- In the Bible, courage is the \_\_\_\_\_ of fear
- God repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ against fear
- God's "Fear not's" are often followed by a \_\_\_\_\_
- Courage is an \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
- Courage is \_\_\_\_\_ by faith

**WE WERE MADE TO BE COURAGEOUS**

**1. To face the \_\_\_\_\_ = Moses**

[God speaking to Moses] *"The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt." Moses protested to God, 'Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?' God answered, 'I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.'"*  
– EX 3:9-11

**2. To face the \_\_\_\_\_ = David**

*"Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."... "The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!"* – 1 SAM 17:32-33, 37

**3. To take \_\_\_\_\_ - Esther**

[Mordecai to Ester] *"If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"* – EST 4:14

[Esther to Mordecai] *"Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die."* – EST 4:16

**4. To not \_\_\_\_\_ = Daniel**

*"We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions.'... When Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God."* – DAN 6:7, 10

**OUR LORD'S INSTRUCTIONS**

*"Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love."* – 1 COR 16:13

[Jesus] *"Don't be afraid... Take courage. I am here! And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*  
– MAT 14:27; 28:20

*"Our generation of men (and women) have become passionate about things that don't matter and passive about the things that matter the most... Our purpose for our lives is to know and make our God known."* – MARK HALL, CASTING CROWNS