

COURAGE

Encounter leads to Mission – often beyond our ability
requires God’s Help (Partnership) – our Courage to begin
Fear keeps us waiting for God to begin
Heb 11:6 He meets us as we begin in Faith (Courage)

Video: Cowardly Lion Courage Speech

Dorothy’s 3 helpers 2 Tim 1:7

Courage, Encourage, Discourage (Fear) – begin appearing context of entering Promised Land (Dt 1:21-22) ²¹‘Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.’ ²²‘And every one of you came near to me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities into which we shall come.’

12 Spies (Num 13 & 14) ~ (Nu 13:20) Be of good courage.

Report

(Nu 13:27-28) ²⁷Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸“Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

(Nu 13:30-31) ³⁰Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.” ³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.”

(Nu 13:33) ³³“There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” (wasn’t true)

(Nu 14:4) ⁴So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.”

(Nu 14:6-10) ⁶But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; ⁷and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. ⁸“If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ ⁹“Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them.” ¹⁰And all the congregation said to stone them with stones.

(Dt 1:28) ²⁸‘Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.”’

Results – both were right 40 years later

Principles

1. What we believe about ourselves will probably come true.
 2. Its easier to play safe, familiar, comfortable, but it takes courage to get God’s promises.
 3. The majority will often violently resist the courageous.
 4. Who you listen to determines your future. (affects belief)
 5. God is faithful.
- ~ tried/failed to take the land after hearing consequences

6. You can't get God's promises without His presence. (religious effort)

~ land this side of Jordan

(Nu 32:6-9) ⁶And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben: "Shall your brethren go to war while you sit here? ⁷"Now why will you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them? ⁸"Thus your fathers did when I sent them away from Kadesh Barnea to see the land. ⁹"For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

7. Beware of being satisfied with "good enough".

8. Stay with the Army of God.

What its supposed to look like

Moses encourages Joshua

(Dt 1:38) ³⁸"Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

(Dt 3:28) ²⁸"But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see."

(Dt 31:1-8) ¹Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. ²And he said to them: "I am one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. Also the LORD has said to me, 'You shall not cross over this Jordan.'³"The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the LORD has said. ⁴"And the LORD will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them. ⁵"The LORD will give them over to you, that you may do to them according to every commandment which I have commanded you. ⁶"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

⁷Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. ⁸"And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

God encourages Joshua

(Jos 1:6-7) ⁶"Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷"Only be strong and very courageous,

(Jos 1:9) ⁹"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

people respond

(Jos 1:16, 18) ¹⁶So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Only be strong and of good courage."

How about us?

(Heb 3:12-13) ¹²Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

context: 40 day wilderness penalty

(Heb 10:23-25) ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

(1Co 14:3) ³But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.