

Fearful Courage ☆

Numbers 13 & 14

Courage is: A mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE: JOSHUA & CALEB

Key Idea: I Cultivate Courage by embracing 4 Commitments

1. I will speak up to call others to join the cause (13:26-33).
2. I will stand up for right in the face of wrong (14:1-9).
3. I will step out to follow God whatever the cost (14:10).
4. I will set a pattern and expect the greater reward, God's reward (14:20-35).

REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Look up the words “courage and courageous” in the concordance of your bible. (About 30-35 references depending on translation). Pick at 5-7 references and look at how the word is used? What do you see?
2. Define courage. Can a timid and fearful person be courageous? Evaluate this statement: *Courage is not a feeling, but a motivation*. Why is courage a Christian virtue?
3. Look at the story of Gideon in Judges 6-7. What was the first courageous thing God asked Gideon to do? Why? Which courageous act was the hardest?
4. How do you demonstrate courage in your life? Give specific examples. What are 2-3 good ways to teach children courage? What is the basis for our courage? (See Joshua 1:5-9)



Memory Verse

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