

Courage

Psalm 31:1-24

One thing is very clear in studying Scripture. Once a person enters into a relationship with Jesus, we are not intended to remain the same person we were. The intent of our relationship with Jesus is change. We are supposed to become more like Him and less like ourselves. If this isn't happening, something is very wrong. Change, however, takes courage. Thankfully, we have a source for what we need.

Spiritual Courage

Courage begins with trust...

Consider:

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A strong statement:

Preparing for Courage

One key word...

Life is hard:

- We have an enemy—

- Experience grief & sorrow—

- Strength fails—

- Human enemies—

But...

- Our trust—

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Asking for Courage

Will you ask?

Two pre-conditions:

- Love the Lord—

- Remain faithful—

Two gifts from God:

- Be strong—

- Take courage—

Conclusion

Will you...

God calls us to grow...

- He offers us courage—

This series of messages is based on one solid fact, Christians are not meant to stay the same. We are meant to grow, and growth by definition, requires change. Without change there is no growth, and without courage none of us will grow. It is as simple as that. To just be blunt about it, if we aren't growing we are sinning. We are being stubborn and telling God that we are just fine the way we are. Yet it is the way we are that leads us to need a Savior! Salvation isn't the end of the changes that God desires to work in us, it is the beginning. So, as we move into this series of messages you need to ask yourself, "Am I willing to change?"

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