



Be of Good Courage

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.” Psalm 27:14 (KJV)

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In the midst of life’s battles, especially those that last a long time, there are several scriptures where the Lord encourages us to be courageous. I want to share some of these scriptures with you because I know in my heart that some of you are in fierce battles and you need godly courage, and I know how much these scriptures have helped me through many battles.

Joshua 1:5–7 (KJV) reads, *“There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.”* Verse 9 reads, *“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”*

In Exodus Chapter 3, God had promised His people that He was going to take them out of bondage—out of slavery—and take them into freedom and a good land where He would supply all their needs. However, they were going to have to fight many battles to destroy all the enemies that were already in the Promised Land. After Moses’ death, Joshua was their new leader. He needed a lot of courage to lead the people into war.

Beloved, when we put our trust in Jesus as our Savior, He promises us in the Bible to take us out of all of our bondage and slavery to sin—bad habits, bitterness, and unforgiveness—and to take us into a good land, which is a new nature in Christ—freedom from sin, healing from wounds done to us, and the ability to forgive as Christ forgave us.

According to Ephesians 6, we have many demonic enemies. We have to fight the enemy if we want God’s promises of freedom from sin, godly homes, financial freedom, and healing for our soul and body. If we want all of God’s promises, we have to fight for them! Parents, pastors, and Bible teachers are our leaders. They need godly courage, wisdom, discernment, and faith to lead us through life’s battles against the enemy so that we can experience all of God’s promises in our lives. Most important of all, Jesus wants us free so that we can love and follow Him with our whole heart and live lives that glorify Him.

Beloved, GOD’S AMAZING GRACE gives us the power, strength, wisdom, and faith that we need daily, and Jesus Christ is in the battle with us. We are not in this battle alone. Be of good courage. Jesus will not fail you. I repeat that. Be of good courage. Jesus will not fail you. He has never failed me, so you have no reason to think He is ever going to fail you, and unbeliever, today would be a good day to trust Jesus.

With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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