

Courage & Wisdom

FRESH ENCOUNTERS W/ 3RD PERSON

Courage

4 Conduits

Acts 4:13 The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. *(NLT)*

1) _____

Acts 4:24 When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— **25** you spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying, 'Why were the nations so angry? Why did they waste their time with futile plans? **26** The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.' *(NLT)*

2) _____

Acts 4:29 And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. *(NLT)*

3) _____

Deuteronomy 31:7 Then Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, "Be strong and courageous! For you will lead these people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors he would give them. You are the one who will divide it among them as their grants of land. **8** Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you." *(NLT)*

THE MORE _____
YOU ARE UNDER
THE MORE _____
YOU REQUIRE

4) _____

Acts 4:31 After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. *(NLT)*

3 Principles

1) It is easy to feel _____ when you are not the one facing the _____.

2) Pray for _____ in the season, not _____ from the issue.

3) Different _____ have different _____.

FEAR _____ OUR FAITH,
FIGHTING _____ OUR FAITH,
TRUSTING _____ OUR FAITH

Wisdom

Acts 6:1 But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food. (NLT)

3 Observations

_____ Creates _____

Acts 6:2 So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. **3** And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. **4** Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word." (NLT)

- Just because _____ thing is _____ does not mean that _____ thing is _____.
- Sometimes you are _____ For _____.
- God sometimes does the _____ before He does the _____.
- Sometimes you have to do the _____ before You receive the _____.
- _____ comes with _____.
- How you handle your _____ depends on how you receive your _____.

_____ Contributes _____

Ephesians 1:16 I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, **17** asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. (NLT)

Exodus 31:3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. *(NLT)*

Isaiah 11:2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. *(NLT)*

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him, doing just as the Lord had commanded Moses. *(NLT)*

James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. *(NLT)*

Acts 6:5 Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). **6** These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them. **7** So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too. *(NLT)*

Credit

Luke 12:11 "And when you are brought to trial in the synagogues and before rulers and authorities, don't worry about how to defend yourself or what to say, **12** for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said." *(NLT)*

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Good Timber

by: Douglas Malloch

The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
But stood out in the open plain
And always got its share of rain,
Never became a forest king
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil
To gain and farm his patch of soil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow with ease,
The stronger wind, the stronger trees,
The further sky, the greater length,
The more the storm, the more the strength.
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In trees and men good timbers grow.

Where thickest lies the forest growth
We find the patriarchs of both.
And they hold counsel with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife.
This is the common law of life.

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