Be Courageous, Pt. 2

2 Tim. 1:7 (KJV) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

How Do I Develop Courage?

1. **Do what the Word of God says to do.**

   2 Chron. 15:1-2, 7 (NIV) The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you… But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”

   2 Chron. 15:8 (NIV) When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah son of Oded the prophet, he took courage. He removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the altar of the LORD that was in front of the portico of the LORD’s temple.

2. **Remember God’s faithfulness in past circumstances.**

   Acts 23:10-11 (NIV) The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks. The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.”

   Deuteronomy 7:8-9 (NIV) But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. “Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

3. **Be inspired by the courage of others.**

   Acts 27:14, 20 (NIV) Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island… When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

   Acts 27:25 (NIV) So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.

4. **Decide what is at stake.**

   Heb. 3:5 (NIV) But Christ is faithful as a son over God’s house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

5. **Recall the promises of God.**

   Josh. 21:45 (NIV) Not one of all the LORD’s good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

   1 Thess. 5:24 (NIV) Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

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