

Courageous Living

Inspired By God
and
Inspiring To Others!

What Does A Courageous Christian Look Like and From Where Does Courage Come?

A Courageous Christian Life...

Can Occur
When A Person Of God
In A Community Of God
Is Seeking The Word Of God
Empowered By The Spirit Of God
To Live The Life Of God
While Engaged In The Mission Of God.

Courageous Christian Have
Encouraging
And Even
Inspiring Relationships!

“God Saves People Through People.”
And
“The Devil Crushes People
Through People.”

~ Jim McGuigan

I believe God saves us, at least from mediocrity, and at times from despair by encouragers, people who inspire us by a willingness to give themselves for us. Scripture is full of examples of such people.

1 Samuel 23:15-18 (NLT2)

One day near Horesh, David received the news that Saul was on the way to Ziph to search for him and kill him. Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God. “Don’t be afraid,” Jonathan reassured him. “My father will never find you! You are going to be the king of Israel, and I will be next to you, as my father, Saul, is well aware.” So the two of them renewed their solemn pact before the LORD. Then Jonathan returned home, while David stayed at Horesh.

Barnabas Was That Kind Of Person

- When the Jerusalem church found that there were great needs among the believers, the members responded.
 - Acts 4:32 (NIV) All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.
- Barnabas is mention specifically.
 - Acts 4:36-37 (NIV) “...Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

When The Anti-Christian Terrorist, Saul, Was
Converted To A Believer In Christ, It Was
Barnabas Who Stood Up For Paul And Gave His
Conversion Legitimacy.

Acts 9:26-27 (NIV)

When he (Saul, now known as Paul) came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 15:36-40 (NLT2)

After some time Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing.” Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord’s gracious care.

Timothy Had Such People In His Life.

2 Timothy 1:5-7 (NIV)

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Jean Valjean and the Bishop in Les Miserables



Everyone of who has ever sought to live a noble life, has had someone or someones who have encouraged, inspired and yes, redeemed them from mediocrity or despair or worse.

A Prayer For Encouragers

Oh God, lover of all people, kindle the fire of your love in us so that we may think of others as pray this prayer. We thank you for those who are near and dear to us today, especially our families. We consider them a gift whether they are close by or far away. Thank you for the means to reach out and encourage them with loving words. Give them joy this day, and keep them from sickness, sorrow and sin. Give them wisdom and grace to become encouragers in their own right. Help them to love serving others. Empower us by your Spirit to be sons and daughters of encouragement.

In Jesus name, Amen.

I Think It Is Providential That The
Message For Today Falls On
Mother's Day.