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Courage in Service: Living and leading in Christ Jesus

Acts 4:12-13 NKJV

¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

In Acts chapter 4, we see courage on display in the life of Peter and John. These two leaders were thrown in jail for preaching the gospel of Jesus and performing a miracle in His Name. When their captors asked about their ministry, Peter boldly asserts that the Name of Jesus, not their own talent, was the power behind their ministry. He also explains that salvation comes through no other Name but JESUS CHRIST!

Leadership requires courage! All leaders need courage to help them:

- 1. Seek into the truth. You will never find yourself until you face the truth.**
 - **Psalm 25:5** *Lead me in thy truth, and teach me*
- 2. Change. Courage is the power to let go of comfortable situations.**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:*
- 3. Stand alone. Real courage shows up when we're in the minority.**
 - **Isaiah 41:10** *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God:*
- 4. Learn and grow. Step out, take a risk and do something new.**
 - **Psalm 1:3** *his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*
- 5. Lead others. Leadership is the main expression of courage that compels others to follow.**
 - **1 Corinthians 11:1** *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

Note: For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Courage is not a personality trait; it is a faith position. It is the believer's declaration that God's power is greater than any problem they will face.

Special Note: Courage is not the absence of fear; it is knowing that the presence of a mighty God is with you.

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