

“... in order to get to the fruit of the tree, you have to go out on a limb.”

Shirley MacLaine (1934-)

“I am one of those people who just can't help getting a kick out of life—even when it's a kick in the teeth.”

Polly Adler
(1900-1962)
A House Is Not a Home

Courage

VASCO Da GAMA was a sailor. JOHN JACOB ASTOR once sold apples in the streets of New York. CATHERINE, Empress of Russia, was a camp-grisette. CINCINNATUS was ploughing in his vineyard when the dictatorship of Rome was offered him. ELIHU BURRITT was a blacksmith.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was a rail-splitter. GEN. GRANT was a tanner. COM. VANDERBILT was a ferryman. DANIEL DREW was a poor widow's son. SENATOR WILSON was a cobbler. GEN. BANKS says that he graduated at a university which had a waterwheel at the bottom, and a bell on the top.

What does it mean to be courageous? Simply put, courage is the ability to overcome your fears. Everybody has fears. To do what you believe is right even though you are afraid is what courage is all about. If you have no fear at all, it is not a sign of being brave or courageous. It may be a sign that a person does not have much sense or is not aware of what is happening in the world around him or her.

Confirmation is sometimes called the sacrament of courage. In it we receive the Holy Spirit who helps us overcome all our human fears. Being confirmed means being called to courage.

Tomorrow the World

LIFE AND RISK Life truly lived is a risk business, and if one puts up too many fences against risk, one ends by shutting out life itself.

Kenneth S. Davis

out on a limb -- that's where the fruit is!
Bill Rogers

Just like Pete Rose, he just wants to be a contender until they put him in a wheelchair. Forty years down the line, he wants people to say, "I just saw George Thorogood and that guy doesn't let up!"

The rocker compares the Rose stats with his own: "He never strikes out and he always hits the ball hard. He never hits a weak pop or fouls out. There's a stipulation in his contract that he must play 160 games. He asked for that! He's an inspiration to the rest of the team. And I say, 'That's what you gotta do for The Destroyers, George.'" After the 38th straight gig in a row, he wants the drummer to tell himself, "I don't feel like I wanna work. But look at *this* guy!" Thorogood's credo is, "You gotta lead by example, not by speeches."

"Each time a [person] stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others... he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Robert F. Kennedy

Only the insecure strive for security.
-Wayne Dyer

Courage is being scared to death—and saddling up anyway. —John Wayne

AND THERE ARE
THOSE WHO
STAND UP
AND FIGHT.

“Argue for your
limitations, and sure enough
they’re yours.”

Richard Bach (1936-)

“NOTHING REAL
CAN BE THREATENED”

•It is easier to suppress the first desire
than to satisfy all that follow it.
—Franklin



“The world owes all its
onward impulses to men ill
at ease.”

Nathaniel Hawthorne
(1804-1864)
The House of the Seven Gables

Some men
never ride
with
the pack.

I Came, I Saw,
I Made a Feeble
Attempt

MICHAEL FARADAY, the greatest philosopher of his time, started from a blacksmith's anvil. SHAKESPEARE held horses at the door of a London theater before he held the attention of all ages. The path of life opened for ROBERT BURNS in a ploughboy's furrow. GEORGE PEABODY endowed a library in the village where once he had saved wood. The shoemaker's last would have been the most appropriate coat of arms for WILLIAM CAREY, the missionary.

HERSCHEL played in a brass band before God called him up to listen to the music of the spheres and the orchestra of

the morning stars. A barber -shop was the starting place of COPERNICUS, the astronomer, and JEREMY TAYLOR, the ecclesiast. A mason's trowel was the weapon with which HUGH MILLER, the geologist, began to fight the battle of life. In 1869 H. J. HEINZ planted a small plot of horseradish. He and two women and a boy grated and bottled the root. J. L. KRAFT was a grocery clerk who started with a capital of 65 dollars to peddle cheese from a one-horse wagon. COCA-COLA was first made in the kitchen of an old home adjoining Mr. Pemberton's Drug Store. CHARLES W. POST made the first Postum in a barn.

“To gain that which is
worth having, it may be
necessary to lose
everything else.”

Bernadette Devlin
(1947-)
The Price of My Soul

I FEAR LIFE.

I FEAR DEATH.

I FEAR EMOTION.

I FEAR CONFRONTATION.

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I FEAR WOMEN.

I FEAR MEN.

I LOVE TELEVISION.

IT'S A CURE FOR ALL THAT I FEAR.



FLATTERY In Ancient Greece, the politically crafty philosopher Aristippus had learned to get along in court by flattering the tyrant Denys. Aristippus looked down his nose at some of his less prosperous fellow philosophers and wise men who would not stoop that low. One day he saw his colleague Diogenes washing some vegetables and he said to him disdainfully: "If you would only learn to flatter King Denys you would not have to be washing lentils."

Diogenes looked up slowly and in the same tone replied, "And you, if you had only learned to live on lentils, would not have to flatter King Denys."

HOLD ON HOLD OUT

'We Will Not Forget'

Are We Afraid to Be Radical?

THE STREETS I FEARED TO SEE

I said: "let me walk in the field;"
God said: "Nay, walk in the town."
I said: "There are no flowers there;"
He said: "No flowers, but a crown."

I said: "But the sky is black,
There is nothing but noise and din;"
But He wept as He sent me back,
"There is more," He said, "there is sin."

I said: "But the air is thick,
And fogs are veiling the sun."
He answered: "Yet souls are sick,
And souls in the dark undone."

I said: "I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me, they say,"
He answered me, "Choose tonight,
If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given;
He said: "Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem hard in heaven
To have followed the steps of your Guide."

I cast one look at the fields,
Then set my face to the town;
He said: "My child, do you yield?
Will you leave the flowers for the crown?"

Then into His hand went mine,
And into my heart came He;
And I walk in a light Divine,
The streets I had feared to see.
George MacDonald (1824-1905)

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

If while pursuing distant dreams
Your highest hopes turn to gray
Don't wait for reassuring words
Or hands to lead the way

For seldom will you find a soul
With dreams the same as yours
Not often will another help you
Pass through untried doors

If inner forces urge you
To take a course unknown
Be ready to go all the way
Yes, all the way alone

That's not to say you shouldn't
Draw lessons from the best
Just don't depend on lauding words
To spur you on your quest

Find confidence within your heart
And let it be your guide
Strive ever harder towards your dreams
And they won't be denied.

**To
Go**

Pride convinces us
that looking good
and doing nothing is
better than taking a
chance on the
unpromising and
failing.

By not giving in to
a group, you often
shock or shame
others into
putting a halt to
bad actions.

**FAT
BIRDS
DON'T
FLY**

**To Boldly
Go . . .**



*...fear
infects
and
corrupts
what
it
touches.*

LILLIAN HELLMAN

*You see things
as they are
and ask "Why?"
But I dream things
that never were
and ask "Why not?"*