

God's Words of Life on
COURAGE

The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold
of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be
dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen
you and help you; I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and
courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be
discouraged, for the LORD your God will be
with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

I can do everything through Christ who gives
me strength.

Philippians 4:13

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful
trial you are suffering, as though something
strange were happening to you. But rejoice
that you participate in the sufferings of Christ,
so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is
revealed.

1 Peter 4:12-13

46 When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you; and when you pass through the
rivers, they will not sweep over you. When

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you walk through the fire, you will not be
burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For
I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of
Israel, your Savior; you are precious and
honored in my sight.

Isaiah 43:2-4

No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us. For I
am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, neither the
present nor the future, nor any powers, neither
height nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the
love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

Psalms 27:14

How great is your goodness, which you have
stored up for those who fear you, which you
bestow in the sight of me on those who take
refuge in you. In the shelter of your presence
you hide them from the intrigues of men; in
your dwelling you keep them safe from
accusing tongues. Be strong and take heart, all
you who hope in the LORD.

Psalms 31:19-20, 24

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He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:29-31

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance."

Isaiah 35:3-4

I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Luke 22:32

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Joshua 1:7

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"I am about to go the way of all the earth," David said. "So be strong, show yourself a man, and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go."

1 Kings 2:2-3

You will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

1 Chronicles 22:13

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10

Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

Hebrews 12:12-13

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Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Act with courage, and may the Lord be with those who do well.

2 Chronicles 19:11

Jesus said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalms 18:1-2

Devotional Thought on
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It takes courage to look your spouse in the eye and say, "Our marriage is in serious trouble, and we've got to do something about it."

What do most people do? They put their problems on the back burner and go their own directions. While they pursue their own careers and their own recreations, the marriage disintegrates from lack of courage. They did not have the courage to put on the gloves and say, "Let's fight for this marriage." It takes courage to fight off the "greener grass" temptations, to work through layer after layer of masks, cover-ups, and defense mechanisms, to keep working on that marriage year after year. Relational courage does not apply only to the husband-wife relationship...

It also takes relational courage to build significant relationships with friends, to look another person in the eye and say, "Isn't it time we stopped talking about the weather and the stock market and started talking about what's going on in your life and mine? Isn't it time we became brothers?"

Not many men have the courage to challenge each other, to fight for each other's spiritual and relational growth. But I have learned over the years that I will never be a success in my marriage, with my kids or with my friends, without courage.

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