

Great Courage

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Text: 1 Cor 16:13 – Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be men of courage and be strong.

Introduction –

1. Be on your _____

a. What are we to guard?

Proverbs 7:1-3

Proverbs 4:20-27

1 Timothy 6:20

b. Why should we be on our guard?

Proverbs 13:3

Proverbs 21:23

BE COURAGED: God will give us _____ to help us be on our guard.

2. Stand _____ in the _____

2 Thess 2:15

Isa 7:9

Acts 4:13

2 Timothy 1:12 – I know whom I have believed in and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Cor 4:8-9 – we are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed, we are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed.Therefore we do not lose heart even though outwardly we perish, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

BE ENCOURAGED: GOD is able to _____ us if we stand firm:

Exodus 14:15

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3. Be _____

Joshua

Where does your strength come from?

BE ENCOURAGED – God will give you _____

Phil 4:13

What happens if I am weak?

CONCLUSION:

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Connecting with Friends:

1. Discuss one of your favorite action heroes...
2. What is one thing you would attempt if you knew you could not fail?

Growing through God's Word:

1. Read Joshua 1 and list all the ways Joshua had great courage.
2. In today's message we discussed three facets of courage: be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, and be strong. What facet do you need to embrace more effectively in your life? How?
3. Be prepared to share a personal example of how you "stand firm in the faith".
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4. Discuss your capacity to "be strong"...where do you feel you are weak? What step can you take to increase your strength in this area?

Caring for one another in prayer:

1. Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames outreach begins April 12. Please call on the powerful name of Jesus to save, heal, and deliver many so that Anchorage might become predominately Christian.
2. This week, I need prayer for.....

This is the last week for Life Groups this session. (Starting again the week of April 19 for five weeks.)