

Courage that Comes from God

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We read in Joshua 1:9: “Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go.” (NLT) What a powerful scripture! I learn here that courage comes from trusting God; it cannot be mentally drummed up. It comes from believing what God says regardless of what the circumstances look like, regardless of what the diagnosis has been or how our bodies may be feeling. In another word, courage comes from faith! On the other hand, there is the discouragement, and where does it come from? It comes from fear and unbelief! It's like listening to that lousy voice within our heads telling us what God is not going to do for us.

As the children of the highest God, we should brush off discouragement and unbelief and rise up in courage. It's time to stop looking at our mistakes, failures, and what we can't do and start looking to God to do those things in the Name of Jesus. It's about time for you and me to rise in the Name of Jesus and in the power of His Holy Spirit and begin to call into existence the impossible miracles that many of us so desperately need. If you have been discouraged lately, stop thinking and meditating on the devil's lies; meditate on the promises of God's Word! Don't receive evil reports! If someone, or even you yourself, tries to tell you there's no healing or deliverance for you, remain strong and encouraged; tell them and yourself that you are already healed because God says so, in Jesus Name!

We need to realize who we are in Christ Jesus and what has been given to each one of us by the power of the cross! Instead of being discouraged and sad, we will quit letting the devil and our own thoughts run the show in our lives. In the verse above, being strong and courageous is not a suggestion, but a command! So let's agree with God and be encouraged. Whatever is going on right now in our own lives is nothing that our God can't fix. Be strong and encouraged that encouragement that comes from God!

In His service,
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