



Courage

1 Kings 17 – 21; Selected Scriptures

Series: *Elijah—A Man Like Us* [#6]

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Theme: **God makes it possible for you to be courageous.**

Elijah's example.

1. Going where God sent him. (1 Kings 17:1; 18:1, 7, 16-17)
2. Speaking God's truth. (1 Kings 17:1, 14; 18:18, 19-24; 21:17-24)
3. Seeking God's mercy. (1 Kings 17:20-22)
4. Doing God's work. (1 Kings 17:1; 18:16-46)

You can be courageous because ...

1. God is with you.
(Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:9; 2 Chronicles 32:7-8; Haggai 2:4; Acts 9:27-28; 14:3; 18:26; 19:8; 28:15; Romans 8:31)
2. God has given you his word and promises.
(Deuteronomy 31:7; Joshua 1:7; 21:45; 2 Samuel 7:27; 1 Chronicles 17:25; Matthew 5:18; 2 Corinthians 1:20; 2 Peter 1:4)
3. God will bring justice and salvation.
(Psalm 27:13-14; Isaiah 35:4; John 15:20; 16:33)

You can be courageous as you ...

1. Hope in God. (Psalm 27:13-14; Isaiah 35:4; John 15:20; 16:33)
2. Trust God to do what is right in His sight. (1 Chronicles 19:13)
3. Carry out God's work.
(Deuteronomy 31:23; Joshua 1:6; 1 Chronicles 28:10, 20; Acts 23:11; Ephesians 6:19; Philippians 1:20; 1 Thessalonians 2:2)
4. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. (Acts 4:29-31; John 16:13; Ephesians 5:18)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. You may not see yourself as courageous, but God makes it possible for you to be courageous. Yesterday we looked at four features of courage in Elijah—remember, he was a man just like you with struggles as well as strengths. Review those features. Now turn them into questions to examine the state of your courage. Do you have the courage to go where God sends you, speak His truth, seek His mercy, do His work?

Tuesday. The courage only believers can have is from God. You can be courageous because God is with you. check the Bible references on this in the outline and think about what this means for you. You can be courageous because God has given you His word and promises and because He will bring justice and salvation. Read the Bible references on these in the outline. How will these truths help you be courageous today?

Wednesday. What does it mean to hope in God? Have you been hoping in God so far this week? Are there particular areas where you are not hoping in God, or struggling with hoping in God.

You can be courageous as you trust God to do what is right in His sight. Read 1 Chronicles 19:13. What is the most difficult thing for you to trust God in doing what is right in His sight? How are you going to move forward on that... now.

Thursday. Looking at the Bible references on the outline, what do you think the connection is between doing God's work and being courageous? What work is God giving you in your family, community, church, work or school? You can be courageous as you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Connect the dots between Micah 3:8, Acts 4:29-31 and yourself. What do you see?

Friday – Saturday. Pastor Lyle will continue the series on Elijah on Sunday with a look at Obadiah (not the prophet of the Old Testament book with that name). Read 1 Kings 18:1-16 as you prepare for our time of worship together.