

1. Bravery Vs. Courage: Roller Coaster VS. Thai Food Story

1. Greater level of courage needed when you can't foresee the outcome.

2. Websters: Courage is the ability to do something that frightens you. Strength in the face of pain or grief. (Insert Barf Bag Story?)

Synonyms for Courage: Valor, nerve, daring, audacity, bold, dauntless, backbone, spine, fortitude, resolve, guts, grit or Moxie.

Antonyms: Cowardly or Timid.

3. The Bible tells us in **Hebrews 10:39**

"We are NOT of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."

In **Revelation 12:11** "They triumphed over him (meaning, the accuser) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

*There is a certain grit, determination that comes over someone when they combine the blood of Jesus and the WORD's of their testimony. Not even the enemy can stand against that!

4. When courage is mentioned throughout scripture, it is almost always in a phrase the commands us to 'take' an action. Whether that be worship, stand, not fearing. It's an ACTION!

5. In the greek we have a couple different words for courage but here is an overview of these:

-Freedom in speaking, open, hopeful, confident, fearless & CHEERFUL COURAGE,

"To Be Of Good Cheer"

I think this is why there's a saying some of us crazies say from time to time...Just laugh at the devil. We may look crazy and we may be scared silly on the inside but by golly i'm gonna be of good cheer while i'm walking through the dessert just so I can tick off the devil!

6. Hebrew: The root word means: An Alertness of the feet, think of a nimble and battle ready horse! to take possession of or to strengthen oneself.

7. Quote from Larissa at Lakeside Camp: Why did she give it to me?

-Forgiveness was THE HARDEST journey I ever walked through.

"Take the case of courage. No quality has ever so much addled the brains and tangled the definitions of merely rational sages. Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die. 'He that will lose his life, the same shall save it,' is not a piece of mysticism for saints and heroes. It is a piece of everyday advice

for sailors or mountaineers. It might be printed in an Alpine guide or a drill book. This paradox is the whole principle of courage; even of quite earthly or brutal courage. A man cut off by the sea may save his life if we will risk it on the precipice.

He can only get away from death by continually stepping within an inch of it. A soldier surrounded by enemies, if he is to cut his way out, needs to combine a strong desire for living with a strange carelessness about dying. He must not merely cling to life, for then he will be a coward, and will not escape. He must not merely wait for death, for then he will be a suicide, and will not escape. He must seek his life in a spirit of furious indifference to it; he must desire life like water and yet drink death like wine.

8. SEE in **Matthew 14:26** : Peter and the guys are hanging out in the boat after a hard day of feeding 5,000 people. Before Dawn Jesus shows up out on the water and Peter yells, AHH a GHOST! Immediately, Jesus says, TAKE COURAGE, it's me! Peter TOOK courage and stepped out of the boat and walked on water!

In **Acts 23:11** Paul is brought before the big wig theologians in the Sanhedrin and preaches the name of Jesus. People were ready to start a riot and destroy him! The guards (who weren't even FOR Paul) were so afraid for Paul's life because people were threatening to, And I quote, "Tear Him To Pieces". The guards hid him in the barracks and that night the word says, the LORD Himself stood near Paul and said, TAKE COURAGE, you're gonna get to testify about me again!

In **2nd Chronicles 20** all of Judah is stuck in a serious hard place on top of a hill as they saw 3 different nations' armies coming towards them to kill them. All of them. God speaks through one of His prophets and declares DO NOT BE AFRAID : DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED this battle is NOT yours but the Lords!

God's command is clear in the face of fear: Take Courage: He said it to Paul, Peter, Ezra, David, Ezekiel, Samuel, Isaiah, Daniel, Joshua, Caleb...and It's still His message today.

Share Story About Going To Tell My Dad I Forgive Him:

Start with story of going for a run and God asked me if I'd really do anything He'd ask...

Move to Texas? Sure...Ok let's go talk to your real dad.

1-Thought we had the right Address - 1st house : knocked, no one home

2-Went to a gas station and prayed, God said wait till 2:30. Went back, random guy answers door, only there for 30 minutes to pick up a delivery but didn't live there. Leaving at 3.

3-Re-checked address: had it wrong

4-Went to new house: Knocked : no answer again

5- Saw lady sitting out across the street (prayed for her).

6-She asked, who are you looking for at the house? I said his name, to which she replies, OH YEAH I KNOW HIM....you just need to call him and he'll answer.

7. EXCUSE ME....

8. 'Yeah, I have his number, do you want it to call him?...

9. I called, He answers ...fought my whole life to forget his voice! His eyes or even what he looked like. He didn't know who I was and had to say, this is your daughter.

10. Came to the door, I said listen the past is behind me and i'm not carrying that trash anymore, i'm moving forward. I fully forgive you.