

Be Brave—Week 4
Life-upon-life ministry through the lens of brave enthusiasm

1. Timothy was brought up in a religious home and had been led to faith in _____ by Paul himself. (2Timothy 1:5)
2. In spite of his close relationship with Paul, Timothy was easily _____.
3. _____ wasn't the easiest place to pastor.
4. Paul's great concern was not for himself; it was for Timothy and the _____.
5. Timothy was somewhat timid; Paul's desire was to see him minister with _____ enthusiasm.
6. Paul's identity in Christ was firmly established and this _____ him to be brave.
7. One of the most effective ways to provide encouragement to other believers is through life-upon-life mentoring or _____.
8. As we invest in others, we _____ the Kingdom of God. (2Timothy 2:2).
9. The opposite of fear is _____; 'perfect love casts out fear'. (1John 4:18)
10. Whatever we _____, we empower. What we focus on, we make room for.
11. Our fear can possibly be traced to our knowledge of the _____ being lacking.
12. His _____ is our shield and buckler.
13. Let's do the _____. Let's fear God and focus on Him.
14. We are 'in Christ' and His _____ empowers the whole process.
15. A good soldier: endures hardship, avoids worldly entanglements, magnifies Jesus Christ, thinks of the whole army, and _____ his Commanding Officer.
16. Paul, through the power of the Holy Spirit, was able to give _____ testimony.
17. _____ is the basis and the source of our faith.
18. Paul knew that fear died on the _____.
19. Jesus is the _____ of our Gospel message.
20. If we _____ on fear, we become more fearful.
21. Grace is not taking the stairs, it's taking the _____.

A Note from Marjie:

I encourage you to keep working through your *Be Brave* study. Next week, we encounter the story of Daniel. It is a powerful look into his life as he sought to live for and love God in the midst of a culture that hated Him. You will find many parallels to our current society.

On **day five** of your homework next week, you will have the opportunity to quietly sit before the Lord and allow Him to examine your heart. This will contextually make sense to you as you study Daniel's prayer life and his specific prayer for himself and his country. This is meant to be a time of refreshing before the Lord and not a time of condemnation. I anticipate a great week in the Word together!

Truth forever on the scaffold,
wrong forever on the throne,
yet that scaffold sways the future,
and behind the dim unknown,
standeth God within the shadow,
keeping watch above His own.

~James Russell Lowell

How do we disciple the nation?

The last thing Jesus said to His followers as He ascended to heaven after His resurrection was:

“All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations (help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always (remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion), even to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28: 18-20 AMP)

This is what we are to be about, no matter our profession or lot in life. As a Jesus follower, we are all called to disciple—to help people learn of Him, believe in Him, and obey Him. This is the reason why Flourish exists!

How do we currently disciple our nation?

It starts with **knowing** that our **King, Jesus, rules** over all! It is because of His authority and His presence, we are called, equipped, and enabled to go and disciple too. How do we know this? By being students of His Word.

As we head into a critical week in our nation with a change of national leadership approaching, let's take the last words of Jesus to heart. Let's **know what the Word of God says, let's obey it and pray it.**

Tips for your 11 minutes a day prayer time this week:

- Pray that God will guide our nation, and may it be for a better future because we were wise in looking ahead.
- Pray for God's will to be done in our nation, on earth as it is in heaven.
- Pray that the people of God will exercise their God-given right to vote, and will vote according to their Biblical convictions.
- Pray and declare the Word of God over our nation.
- ***“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”*** (Psalm 33:12)
- ***“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”*** (Proverbs 14:34)
- ***“For whoever has (spiritual wisdom because he is receptive to God's word), to him more will be given, and he will be richly and abundantly supplied; but whoever does not have (spiritual wisdom because he has devalued God's word), even what he has will be taken away from him.”*** (Matthew 13:12 AMP)
- Pray that you and I and all the women of Flourish will continue to be receptive to and value God's Word.
- Pray that God will have mercy on our nation so that we can return to Him; for revival and righteousness to come as testimony and witness of His grace.
- **I want to make a difference, doing something that makes a difference, with people who make a difference, at a time that makes a difference.**
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