

“Courageous Sermon Series” Part #7 – Courageous Invitation

1 Kings 2:1-4

Series Summary

If there was ever a time and a need for more courageous Christians then this is the day and hour for them to arise and be the messengers of God to the world around us. Courage has been defined by the world as “the mental and moral strength to persevere and withstand danger” but God defines courage in a different way. Join us through this series and learn how to be a more “Courageous Christian.”

Sermon Summary

If you could give one last piece of advice, a charge, or an invitation to your family, what would it be? It sounds morbid but the reality is that challenges us to consider the legacy that we are leaving behind not just with our words but also with our example. King David gives one last charge to his son Solomon before he dies and we can learn from this charge as Christians and pass the same convictions on to others in this “Courageous Invitation.”

Theme Passage

Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

**Big Idea: Let My Legacy Be More than Words,
May the Next Generation Be More Obedient to the Lord**

The Commissioning of the Next Generation

Commission #1 – Be Strong in the Lord

- **1 Kings 2:1-2** – ¹As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, ²“I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.
- Prove yourself a man – Connected to 1 Samuel 4:9 – Carries the idea of proving thyself brave in keeping the commandments of God. The context points the reader to the obedience to the Law of God.
- **Isaiah 12:2** – “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.”

Commission #2 – Serve God With the Entirety of Your Life

- **1 Kings 2:3a** – ^{3a}“Keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.”
- **Deuteronomy 4:29** – But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.
- **Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)** – You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart,
- **Matthew 22:37 (ESV)** – And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

Commission #3 – Always Remember the Promises of God

- **1 Kings 2:3b-4** – ^{3b} that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn, ⁴ so that the LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'
- **2 Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)** – ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB) – No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Challenge:

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have discovered in the presentation of the Word of God. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs and actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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