

Series: One Prayer
(Part 1 of 4)
“Unstoppable Courage”
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Discussion Starter: How would you define courage?

Explore: Read Acts 4:1-22.

On their way to the temple, Peter and John healed a man crippled from birth. As a result many put their faith in Christ, but they also aroused the attention of the religious leaders.

1. How did the temple priests and Sadducees feel about the message Peter and John were teaching (vs. 1-4)?
2. What happened to Peter and John the next day (vs. 5-12)? How was Peter able to speak with such boldness?
3. Why were the members of the Sanhedrin astonished by Peter and John (vs. 13-17)?
4. What did the Sanhedrin command Peter and John to do (vs. 18-22)? How did Peter and John respond?

Reflect: Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. Pastor Craig said, “The path to your greatest potential is often straight through your greatest fear.” How have you experienced this truth in your own life?
2. What would you say is the greatest fear most people experience: i.e., fear of failure, conflict, rejection, never being good enough, or other?
3. Once we recognize that God is bigger than our lions – it frees us to live with courage. What have you seen God do, that has grown your faith in Him?
4. Read Hebrews 11:6. What does this verse suggest about being a Christian and playing it safe?
5. What is the lion you need to chase? In what way will you step through fear and into faith in the weeks ahead?

Live:

As a group: The church is responsible to encourage one another! Take a moment to share one God sized dream with the group. Next pray that God would give each person in your group “unstoppable” courage.

On your own: Courage isn’t the absence of fear. It’s stepping through fear and standing in God’s strength. Memorize 2 Timothy 1:7 and use it the next time you struggle with a potential lion.

Listening Guide Notes

The pathway to your greatest potential is often straight through your greatest fear.

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” –2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

^[20] “Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. ^[21] And he struck down a huge Egyptian. Although the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.” –2 Samuel 23:20-21 (NIV)

Benaiah was...

1. ...one of the top five soldiers in Israel.
2. ...a general in the Israeli army.
3. ...the captain of King David’s body guards.

People with unstoppable courage...

1. ...know that the bigger their God is the smaller the lions become.

^[20] “When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, ‘Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?’ ^[21] Daniel answered, ‘O king, live forever! ^[22] My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king.’” –Daniel 6:20-22 (NIV)

2. ...understand that playing it safe is risky.

“And without faith it is impossible to please God...” –Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)