Courage

Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone

AT A GLANCE:
The title of the talk series is Courage because it is about taking brave steps to be able to do what you want to do in your life and, most important, to obey God and do what He wills for you.

AFTER THE SERIES:
There's a whole new world out there that's waiting for your life and presence and gift. This series will help you realize the cause of your fear of rejection, how to overcome it, and finally have the courage to do what God wants you to do.

Talk 4: "Courageous Living"

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

The last part of the Feast talk series for January 2019 series titled Courage centers on the message "Celebrate who you are". The three talks of the series answer the Question, "How can we have more courage?"

The Big Day talk discusses two more powerful ways of increasing courage: 1. Celebrate your wins; 2. Celebrate your greatest win—that your *courage comes from God who gave you your past victory.*

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

Review the story of David and Goliath.

One day, Goliath challenged King Saul and his army to a duel. The Bible said, *Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."* (1 Samuel 17:10 NIV)

The Giant wanted to fight one man, face-to-face, mano-a-mano. And whoever wins the duel wins the war. But, the Bible says, after 40 days that the Giant was calling for a worthy adversary, not a single soldier was brave enough to step forward to fight him. The Bible says that all *"were dismayed and terrified".* (1 Samuel 17:10-11 NIV)

Until David, the errand boy who came just to give a lunch box to his Kuyas (older brothers), heard about the challenge and announced to everyone, *"Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"* (1 Samuel 17:10 NIV). He went to King Saul and volunteered to fight the Giant. That was the pivotal moment when the errand boy became a warrior.

In your life, you'll also have these destiny-defining moments thrust in front of you. And your ability to seize your next big thing comes from giving your all to the small thing that is already in front of you. David became a great warrior because he was a great shepherd boy and a great errand boy.

King Saul looked at the teenager from head to foot, and asked, "Uh, this isn't a video game. You're not playing Tekken."

He actually didn't say that, but this is what he uttered: *"You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; yovvu are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."* (1 Samuel 17:33 NIV).

Listen to how David answered him: *The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the*

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hand of this Philistine. (1 Samuel 17:37 NIV).

David celebrated his past wins. He celebrated who he was—he knew he was God's champion.

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Check if members did the Prayer Exercise on What Has God Already Done in Your Life?

Ask for members' sharing on their "I am" statements—who they are in Christ.

Strategy #2: Focus On the *Why*, Not the *How*

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that members will overcome fears that prevent them from achieving their God-given dreams.

Pray members to a simultaneous expression of deep gratitude, mentioning their specific wins in life.

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