

Courage

1 Corinthians 16:13





Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point. ~ C.S. Lewis

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- 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

14 Let all that you do be done in love.

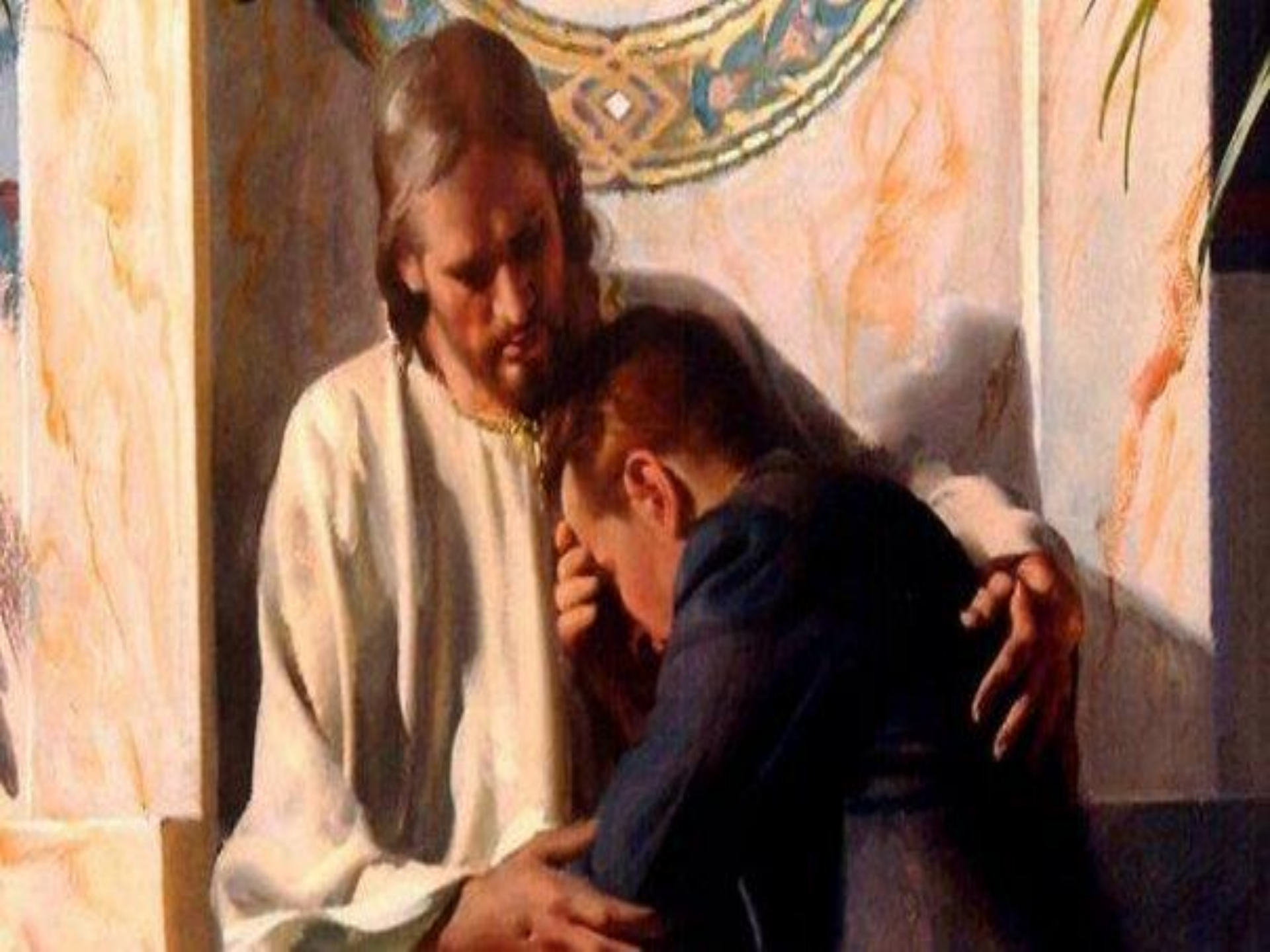


Courage and Peace

- The peace of Jesus gives us strength and courage to face the world and our problems.

- John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.



Biblical Examples of Great Courage

- Noah had the courage to build an ark of wood in plain view of a mocking population of unbelievers.
- At God's direction, Abraham had the courage to leave the comforts of his familiar surroundings and travel almost a thousand miles to a land he had never seen.

Biblical Examples of Great Courage

- Moses had the courage to stand before the Pharaoh and represent the will of God for the Israelites.
- Elijah had the courage to stand up to the 450 prophets of Baal in full view of King Ahab.
- David had the courage to face something bigger than he was.

Overcoming Fear

- What Jesus said to the apostles on the Sea of Galilee, He continues to say to us:

- Matthew 14:26-27

26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

Promises of God and Jesus

- Matthew 28:20(b)

“...I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- Hebrews 13:5(b)

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

5 Things God Wants Us to Do

1. Be on Guard

- 1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

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1. Be on Guard

- 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

5 Things God Wants Us to Do

2. Stand Firm in the Faith

- Stand True to the Gospel

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

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2. Stand Firm in the Faith

- 1 Corinthians 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

5 Things God Wants Us to Do

3. Be Men of Courage

- Always have the courage to:
 - Say yes to what is right
 - Say no to what is wrong
- Stand in the minority that sides with God rather than the majority that sides with the world.

5 Things God Wants Us to Do

3. Be Men of Courage

- To defend the truth against error.
- Tell the truth . . . No matter what the consequences may be.
- To never compromise truth with error.
- To say yes to the opportunities the God may open for you.

5 Things God Wants Us to Do

4. Be Strong

- The power in the Word of God and the strength of the Holy Spirit can keep you strong.
- Our human strength alone is never enough . . . God's strength is never too little.

Things God Wants Us to Do

5. Do Everything in Love

- Real love stands out because it is different . . . It is genuine.
- Galatians 5:13

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

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2. Stand Firm in the Faith
3. Be Men of Courage
4. Be Strong
5. Do Everything in Love

**WHEREVER YOU GO, GOD IS ALREADY
THERE . . .**

WHATEVER YOU DO, GOD WILL SEE . . .

**WHENEVER YOU ARE IN NEED, GOD
WILL ALREADY KNOW . . .**

**PUT GOD FIRST, FOR THERE IS NO
ROOM FOR HIM IN SECOND PLACE OF
YOUR LIFE.**