

UNCOMMON COURAGE, PART 4

The Courage to Keep Going
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“When Joshua was an old man, the Lord said to him, ‘You are growing old, and much land remains to be conquered.’
Joshua 13:1 (NLT)

“... Today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then. So give me the hill country that the Lord promised to me. ...”
Joshua 14:10-12 (NLT)

Finishing well requires fresh courage!

3 KEYS TO KEEP MY COURAGE

1. I will work from God’s eternal _____.

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”
Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV)

Enemy #1: _____.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.”
2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”
James 1:5 (NLT)

“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’”
Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

“And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.”
Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT)

Where is apathy preventing me from advancing on God’s promises?

“The descendants of Joseph came to Joshua and asked, ‘Why have you given us only one portion of land as our homeland when the LORD has blessed us with so many people?’”
Joshua 17:14 (NLT)

“Joshua replied, ‘If there are so many of you, and if the hill country of Ephraim is not large enough for you, clear out land for yourselves in the forest where the Perizzites and Rephaites live.’”
Joshua 17:15 (NLT)

2. I will work with God’s limitless _____.

Enemy #2: _____.

Entitlement: I don’t have what I deserve.

Empowerment: I will develop what I do have.

“Lazy people don’t even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find.”
Proverbs 12:27 (NLT)

What resources from God am I overlooking?

“Jesus has the power of God. His power has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him. Jesus called us by his glory and goodness.”
2 Peter 1:3 (ICB)

3. I will work for God’s greater purposes.

“The descendants of Joseph responded, ‘It’s true that the hill country is not large enough for us. But all the Canaanites in the lowlands have iron chariots, both those in Beth-shan and its surrounding settlements and those in the valley of Jezreel. They are too strong for us.’”
Joshua 17:16 (NLT)

“... Since you are so large and strong, you will be given more than one portion. The forests of the hill country will be yours as well. Clear as much of the land as you wish, and take possession of its farthest corners. And you will drive out the Canaanites from the valleys, too, even though they are strong and have iron chariots.”
Joshua 17:17-18 (NLT)

Enemy #3: _____.

What are you avoiding that you should be addressing?

Reminder: The greater the cause, the greater the courage.

The purpose that requires the most courage: sharing the Good News about Jesus.

1. promises 2. apathy 3. resources 4. entitlement 5. fear

非凡的勇氣 (四)

繼續前進的勇氣

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「約書亞年老的時候，上主對他說：『你年事已高，但還有許多土地有待征服。』」
約書亞記 13:1 (新普及譯本)

「...現在我已經八十五歲了，還能像當年摩西派我出去的時候那樣強壯，那樣地能征善戰。所以，請把上主應許給我的山地給我吧...」
約書亞記 14:10-12 (新普及譯本)

圓滿完成工作需要新的勇氣！

保持勇氣的三把鑰匙

1. 我從上帝永恆的_____開始

「那麼，親愛的朋友們，我跟你們一起的時候你們常常聽從我；現在我不在你們那裏，你們更應該聽從我。要戰戰兢兢，不斷努力來完成你們自己的得救；因為上帝常常在你們心裏工作，使你們既願意又能夠實行他美善的旨意。」
腓立比書 2:12-13 (現代中文譯本)

敵人一：_____

「因為上帝所賜給我們的，不是恐懼、膽怯的靈，而是有能力、愛心、自律的靈。」
提摩太後書 1:7 (新普及譯本)

「你們如果需要智慧，就祈求我們慷慨的上帝吧，他必把智慧賜給你們，並不會因你們的祈求而責備你們。」
雅各書 1:5 (新普及譯本)

「上主說：『我要引導你走最佳美的人生路，我要勸導你，看顧你。』」
詩篇 32:8 (新普及譯本)

「我要賜給你們一顆新的心，把新的靈放在你們裏面。我要除去你們剛硬頑固的心，給你們一顆溫柔受教的心。」
以西結書 36:26 (新普及譯本)

冷漠如何阻礙我進一步實現上帝的應許？

「約瑟的子孫到約書亞那裏問他：『上主賜福給我們，讓我們有這麼多人，你為甚麼只給我們一份土地作我們的家業呢？』」
約書亞記 17:14 (新普及譯本)

「約書亞回答說：『你們人這麼多，以法蓮山地如果還不夠住，就在比利洗人和利乏音人居住的樹林中為自己開墾土地吧。』」
約書亞記 17:15 (新普及譯本)

2. 我會使用上帝現有無限的_____

敵人二：_____

享有權：專注在我覺得自己應得的東西

賦予權：我會發展我所擁有的

「懶惰的人捕獲獵物也不去烹煮，勤勞的人卻善用他所得的一切。」
箴言 12:27 (新普及譯本)

我忽略了上帝甚麼資源？

「耶穌擁有上帝的能力，已經把我們過敬虔生活所需的一切給了我們；這恩賜是藉着認識那位呼召我們來分享他自己的榮耀和善德的上帝而得的。」
彼得後書 1:3 (現代中文譯本/意譯)

3. 我會為上帝的更大目的而努力

「約瑟的子孫就說：『山地確實不足以容納我們。但所有住在低地的迦南人，就是住在伯·珊及它周圍的村鎮和住在耶斯列谷的人，都有鐵戰車。對我們來說，他們太強了。』」
約書亞記 17:16 (新普及譯本)

「約書亞說：『你們這樣強大，得到的應該不止一份。山地的樹林也要給你們。你們想要多少地，就開墾多少地，連最遙遠的角落也要去佔據。即使迦南人強大，有鐵戰車，你們也能把他們從山谷趕出去。』」
約書亞記 17:17-18 (新普及譯本)

敵人三：_____

你在逃避甚麼你應該解決的？

提醒：更大的原因，會給我更大的勇氣

需要最大勇氣的人生目的：分享上帝的福音