

BRAVE

Psalm 27:14 (AMP)

Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord.

Brave definition

- 1. showing no fear of dangerous or difficult things:**
- 2. possessing or exhibiting courage or courageous endurance**

Hebrews 11:33-35

By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. 35 Women received their loved ones back again from death.

A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver 5 minutes longer. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

We can be in our day what the heroes of faith were in their day, but remember, at the time they didn't know they were heroes. *A.W. Tozer*

I. Turn Around Fear

Phil 4:6-7 (ESV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Anxious Definition - full of mental distress or uneasiness because of fear of danger or misfortune; greatly worried; solicitous:

Matthew 8:23-27 (NIV)

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're

going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

-How do we turn around FEAR? FAITH

Hebrews 11:1-2 (MSG)

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It’s our handle on what we can’t see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

II. Take Captive Your Thoughts

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Proverbs 24:16-18 (NIV)

for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again,

III. Tame the Tongue - We set an atmosphere with our words.

Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

How many times have we missed the promise by speaking death?

Speak life over your health.

3 John 2 (KJV)

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

—Speak life over your finances.

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalms 37:25 (KJV)

I never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

—Speak life over your children.

Isaiah 44:3 (NLT)

And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children.

—Speak life over your future.

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

—Speak life in the name of Jesus!

IV. Take up your weapons

Ephesians 6:10-20 (MSG)

And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

13-18 Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your

brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

— **Belt of Truth** — Gives us extra support.

— **Breastplate of righteousness** — Guards your heart.

— **Shoes of peace** — Life can get rocky or slippery and God wants to help us stand and not fall.

— **Shield of faith** — Extinguishes all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

— **Helmet of salvation.** — Protection of your mind, thoughts and attitudes.

— **Sword of the spirit** — The Word of God as our sure foundation.

V. Title Your Future

— **You gotta see before you can see it!**

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (KJV)

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

— **Recall the truth about what your father says about you.**

Final Thoughts:

You are brave, courageous, victorious, an overcomer, more than a conquerer, an ambassador for Christ, the temple of the Holy Spirit, the head and not the tail, delivered, redeemed, healed, fearfully and wonderfully made, free, chosen, holy, not alone, world changer, delivered, a masterpiece, God's beloved child with a hope and a future. Make your heart cry, God, Make Me Brave!