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The Bible is filled with wonderful promises meant for those of us who have accepted Jesus as our personal Savior and have become children of God. One of those promises is found in Hebrews 13:6.

"So we say with confidence, the Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

We sometimes get ourselves in difficult spots but want to do the right thing. Yet we are afraid that our friends or other people around us will laugh or make fun of us, or not like us, or not understand us. At times like these, we should remember this verse. Our all-powerful God is our helper. Why should we be afraid? We know when we seek to do what is right God is on our side. God - right there with us. Have courage and don't be afraid! God is with you!

EVERY CHOICE MATTERS

BY Pastor Don Meckley

Strength in the face of fear is sometimes called **COURAGE**.

I am always inspired when I read Biblical accounts of courageous men and women in the Bible.

May I ask you a question or two? What takes more courage? Building the ark when you have never seen rain (Genesis 6) and your friends are making fun of you or pausing to offer God a prayer of thanksgiving for your food before you eat your lunch at school? Does it take more courage for a young boy to stand before giant Goliath with just a sling and a stone (1 Samuel 17) than it does to keep your eyes on your own test paper when you are not sure of your answer? Young ladies, was it more courageous to protect the spies in Jericho (Joshua 2) or to protect your honor and integrity by always telling the truth? If we are not careful we can be in awe of the courageous actions of other people and miss our opportunities to honor God by making the best choices, no matter what. Remember, it's never wrong to do the right thing and every choice matters.

In Joshua 1, God tells Joshua three times to be strong AND courageous. God will not leave us or forsake us (Joshua 1:5).

As Christ followers when we make choices that are in obedience to God and His Word, the Holy Spirit gives you the power you need to live a life defined by **COURAGE**.



"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God." Psalm 41:10

CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD



In February we received a "Prayer Alert" from Franklin Graham of "Samaritan's Purse". In it he talked about the turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa. He asked us to pray for the Christian minorities who could face much danger in the days ahead. "More than 2.5 million

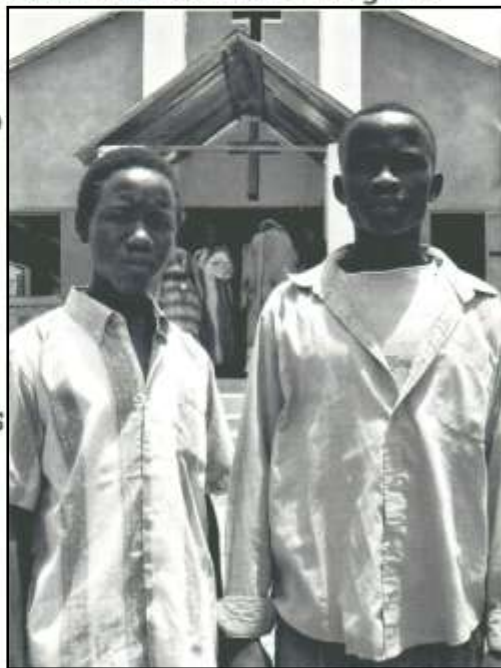
children in the Middle East and North Africa have received shoe box gifts from Operation Christmas Child.....

Pray that God will use these current crises to open doors to hearts to the Gospel and that many will find *'peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ'* (Romans 5:1)"

(Excerpt from Franklin Graham Prayer Alert)

Pray that the boys and girls who hear the story of Jesus will share what they have learned with their families. Pray that families will join a Church group where they can learn how to share Jesus with others.

Pray God will give them courage so that they will be fearless in sharing the Gospel in any circumstance.



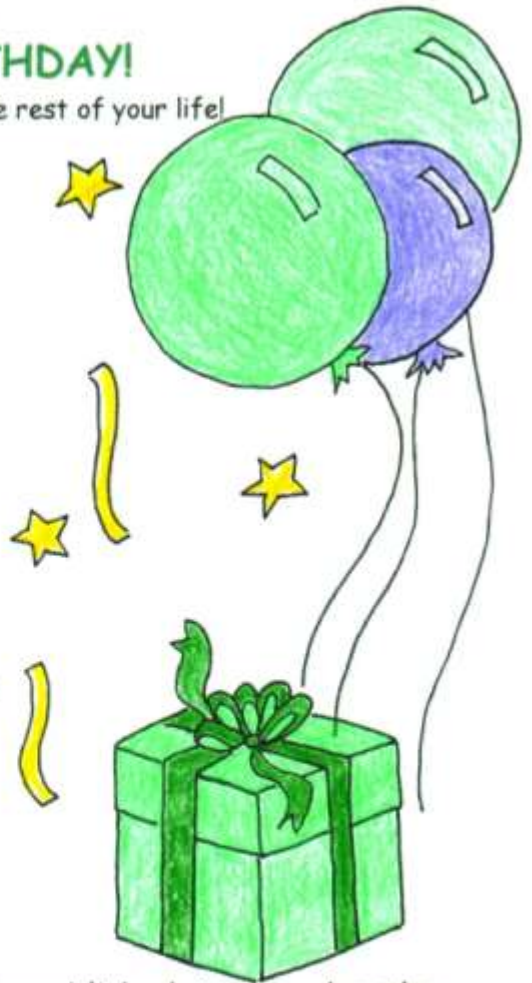
(a Church Samaritan's Purse built)

"I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around." Psalm 3:6 NKJ

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today is the first day of the rest of your life!

- MARCH**
- 3 Jerrica, Canada
 - 3 Nicole, Wisconsin
 - 5 Kennedy, New Jersey
 - 5 Sarah, New York
 - 8 Jarin, Bahrain
 - 8 Paul, New Jersey
 - 11 Nakisha, West Indies
 - 14 Michael, New Jersey
 - 15 Caleb, New Jersey
 - 18 Dakota, New Mexico
 - 19 Joel, Singapore
 - 21 Thomas, New Hampshire
 - 26 Anastasia, Kentucky
 - 27 Daniel, New York
 - 28 Lucinda, West Virginia
 - 30 Brenda, Pennsylvania



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"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23 NKJ

COURAGE AND STRENGTH

Contributed by Evie (a Staff Reporter)

In the Bible we read the story of Joshua, who was Moses' trusted helper during the years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. When Moses died, God told Joshua He wanted him to lead the people into the Promised Land called Canaan.

Joshua had loved and admired Moses, but was unsure and afraid he would not be as good a leader as Moses. God told Joshua to be strong and have courage. He also told him to keep the law and study it day and night so he could teach the people to obey God.

With God's promise to always be with him, Joshua felt he could lead the people into the Promised Land.

(Read Joshua, Chapter 1)



JOSHUA WORD SEARCH

The Book of Joshua in the Bible talks about courage..(Read Joshua 1)
Listed below are some words found in the story of Joshua. The words may go up,
down, across or diagonal.



JOSHUA LEADER CANAAN STRONG COURAGE
PROMISE STUDY LAW TEACH

"Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor be dismayed, for the Lord your
God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

COURAGE IS...

David was a courageous young shepherd boy. When a lion or a bear came near to steal a lamb, David aimed his sling and hurled a stone that killed it. Read about his courage in 1 Samuel 17. The dictionary says, courage is...the words listed below.

Can you find them? The words may go up, down, across or diagonal.

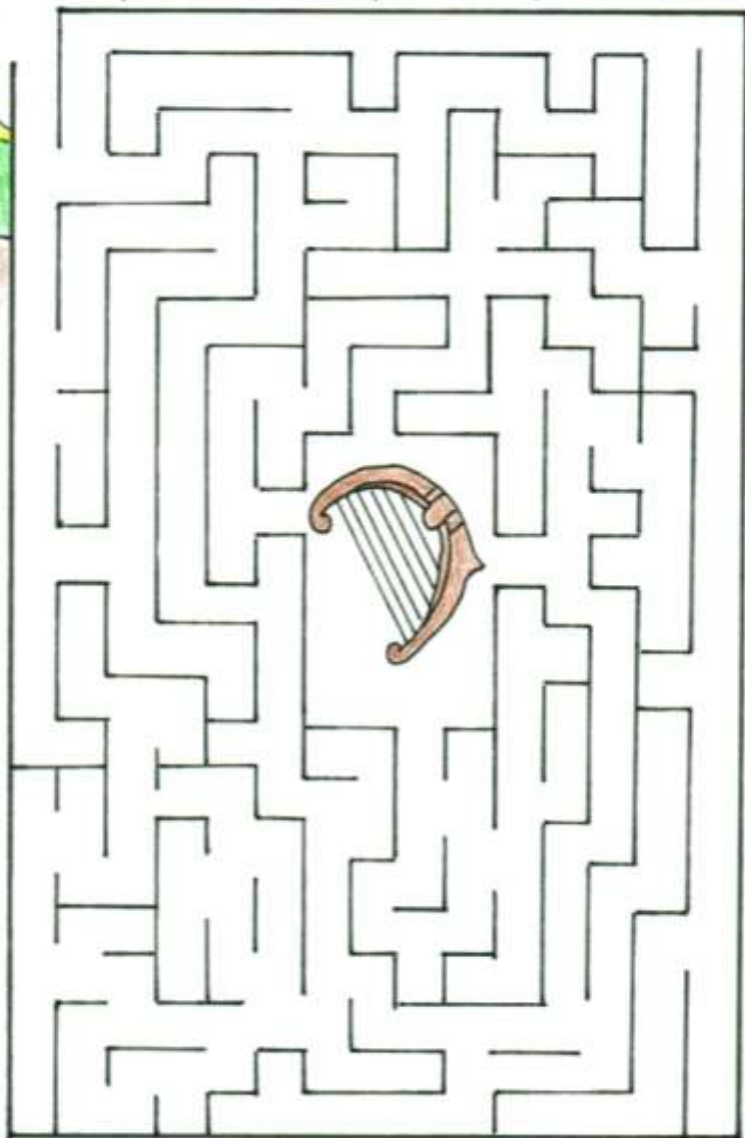


**BOLD BRAVE ENDURANCE FEARLESS FORTITUDE
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"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart" Psalm 27:14

SAUL CALLS FOR DAVID

King Saul was very angry and he called for David to play his harp. Read about it in 1 Samuel 16:22-23. Help David find his way to the harp in the center of the maze.



"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?" Psalm 118:6

A PAGE TO COLOR



David was the youngest of Jesse's 8 sons. He was a shepherd boy and took care of his father's sheep. David liked to sing when his sheep were at rest on the soft grass or safe in the sheepfold at night. He sang songs like Psalm 23 in your Bible.

The Adventures of Phineas T. Phlapjack

Hi Pals!

Not long ago a couple of my friends invited me to have some fun with them. Having fun sounded like a good idea and I was looking forward to it. Then I found out what they wanted to do was wrong. I don't want to get them into trouble so I can't tell you what it is they wanted to do - but trust me, it was not a good thing and it would have been wrong to do it.



When I found out what it was I didn't want to do it, but I didn't know how I was going to get out of it. I knew I needed to tell them I wasn't going to and they shouldn't either, but I was scared. It made my stomach do funny things. I tried to talk but my mouth wouldn't work either.

So, I started praying and asking God what to do. I remembered David and how he wasn't afraid to stand up to Goliath and how Daniel was rescued in the lion's den. So as nicely as I could I said, "Guys, this is wrong. I can't do this." They called me "Chicken" and "Stupid" and a lot of other unkind things, but I stood my ground and told them they shouldn't do it either. It was hard, but I did it.

Then I started to go home. And do you know what happened? One of them said, "Phineas is right. I'm not going either." And then, one by one, they all followed me home and we did something else that was fun - and not wrong. And nobody got into trouble.

I told Uncle Bill about it later. He said it took a lot of courage to do what I did. I don't know about that, I just wanted to do the right thing because that's what Jesus would want me to do. And I hope that's what you want to do too.

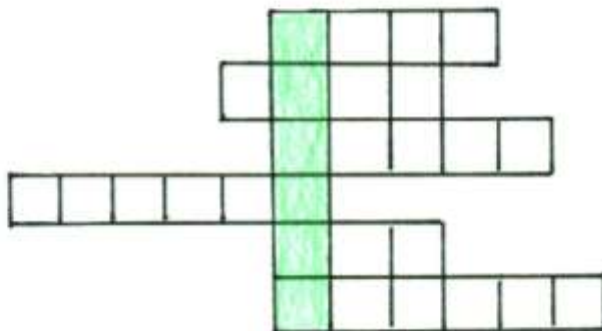
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FOLLOW THE LEADER

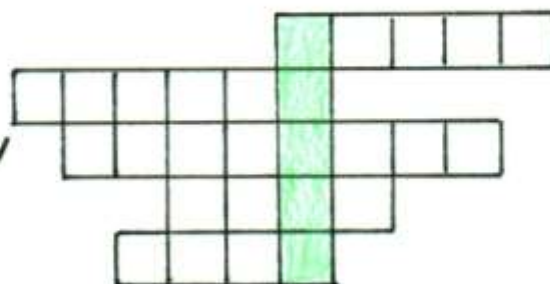
"Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, but had departed from Saul. Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him. Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them." 1 Samuel 18:12-16 (NKJ)

All the answers to this puzzle can be found in the Scripture above. When they are all correct, you will see an important message in the shaded area. Write the message on the line below.

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ANOTHER NAME FOR GOD
DAVID WAS
THE KINGDOM OF
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DAVID LED HIS ARMY



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NUMBER OF DAVID'S ARMY
THE KING
A MANNER OF LIVING



"Just as the mountains surround and protect Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds and protects His people, both now and forever." Psalm 125:2 (NLT)

SHADOW PLAY

Are shadows scary to you? Here is a way to make shadows fun! These shadows are called Silhouettes. A **silhouette** is the image of a person, consisting of the outline with no interior features. The silhouetted person is traditionally cut from thin black card with a white background. See the examples below.

YOU NEED:

A white bed sheet

A bright light

A chair

A camera (or)

A large sheet of paper (white newsprint type paper)

Something to draw with (thick lead pencil, or crayon)

A sheet of black card stock and white card stock

Scissors and glue

DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Hang the bed sheet across a doorway
- 2 Place a chair behind the sheet facing left.
- 3 Have a person sit in the chair
- 4 Place a bright light on the other side of the chair until you see the side view shadow of the person behind the sheet.
- 5 Pin the white newsprint paper over the shadow on the sheet. Trace just the head and shoulder area. OR...with your camera, you can take a side view picture of the person in front of the sheet. Enlarge a computer print of the picture and cut out just the head and shoulder area.
- 6 Transfer the silhouette to black card stock. Cut it out and glue it to white card stock background.

"I am the Lord your God...

I have covered you with the shadow of My hand..." Isaiah 49:16 (NKJ)





(Read God's Word)

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(Pray to Him)

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(Tell others about Jesus)

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by Alvy E. Ford, the blind author
A Fun Way to Learn the Books of the Bible

EZEKIEL

Prophet Ezekiel gets a rare treat,
Here is presented a volume to eat,
Visions of wheels with wonderful rings,
Then hears the voice of the King of all Kings.

He is commanded to preach without fear,
Using all methods to get them to hear,
Makes use of parables, clever and true,
Visual aids, and some pantomime too.

People reject him and cast him aside,
Being deceived by rebellion and pride.
Though he appears to fall short of his goal,
Yet does the prophet deliver his soul.

-Alvy E. Ford (used with permission)



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Joshua 1:9 NIV