

BRAVE—No Matter Who You Are

God calls us all to be brave—where we are and who we are.

FEAR

THE BAD FEAR—the fear that holds us back from the amazing plans God has for us and being all He created us to be.

The Good Fear—

The fear God uses to alert us when a situation or person is dangerous and one we are not to engage in. Listen to the Holy Spirit stirring your soul, back off, run (think Joseph—not worrying about what others think or if we're offending someone). This action actually takes **COURAGE**.

God calls us to be courageous, brave, and strong in order to do and be all He has for us.

Joshua 1:6,7,9

Ephesians 6:10

2 Timothy 2:1

More Definitions:

COURAGE:

The ability to do something that frightens one

BRAVE:

Ready to face and endure danger or pain; showing courage

From *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*:

Strong—to enable, empower

God calls us to bravery—doing it even if we're scared. When we do we will have Peace, Joy, Security, Fulfillment, Purpose.

So what holds you back? What do you fear?

OUR BRAVE COMES FROM GOD AND GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY.

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Rahab—Joshua 2, 6:22-23

~Rahab was in a difficult situation. Instead of letting her courage fail, she let this knowledge of God inspire her to courage.

~Rahab did the bold, confident thing in the face of great personal danger because she believed in and trusted God.

~Rahab considered the character of God and decided He was the One Who could be trusted.

GOD loves us. I John 4:8

Trust in the hard times for our own good. Romans 8:28-29

“But even if He does not. . .” we will remain faithful. Daniel 3:16-18

It’s up to God how He answers our prayers and we cannot imagine His plan for us personally. “But even if He does not. . .”

I WILL STILL TRUST GOD.

The rest of Rahab’s story—Hebrews 11:31, Matthew 1:5-6

RAHAB’S BRAVE CAME FROM GOD AND GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY.

LOOK FOR GOD. Proverbs 16:9

Know He’s always with you. Hebrews 13:5

Listen to the ways God speaks love to you.

Will you grab onto God with me? Will you lean in to trust God?

Recommended Reading:

~A Praying Life, by Paul E. Miller

~The Circle Maker, by Mark Batterson

~Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, by Peter Scazzero

~Boundaries, by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend

~Princess Unaware, by Brenda Garrison