



# Live Courageously

## Courage to Fight for What is Right

### Main idea

**Real men don't compromise. They stand their ground and fight for what is right.**

### Warm-up

If you're one of the characters in an action movie who would you like to be and why?

### introduction

There is something about movies like Braveheart, Gladiator or 300 that make a man come alive. It triggers courage in his heart. The men in these movies were not just known for the courage they had in the battlefield but especially for the courage to stand their ground and fight for what is right.

To fight for what is right requires courage. It requires courage to say no to cheating, to be a man of your word and to overcome lust and obey God's will.

### Message

***Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.***

***Joshua 1:9***

Joshua was about to attack a nation more powerful and stronger than him and the Israelites. Yet it seems that he was afraid to do it. That's why God reminded him to be strong and courageous and not to be terrified and discouraged for God will be with him.

God reminded Joshua it is He who will give him the necessary strength and courage to defeat their enemies and be able to conquer the Promised Land.

The same is true today. There is the temptation to lust, to watch pornographic movies, cheat in the exam, be dishonest, and not fulfill your words.

They are so rampant among men that it's easy to compromise and go with the flow because everybody is doing it. The temptation to do it may be very strong but the word of God is reminding us today that just like what he did to Joshua, He can give you the courage to stand your ground and do what truly honors Him.

### challenge

When most men will just go with the flow and compromise their integrity or morality, you can stand your ground keep your integrity and morality even if the price is too high.

You may lose some friends, reputation or even be ridiculed. But it wouldn't matter because at the end of the day, you have pleased God knowing you have the courage to do and fight for what is right!

### Application Question

What are the weak areas in your life that you need God to give you the courage to overcome it?