

In the Bible

Imagine being cornered and questioned about your beliefs. Then, when you begin to explain yourself, you get this surge of confidence, and you begin to say things you never thought you could. This was Peter's and John's experience. The Sanhedrin questioned them, trying to find something they could prosecute them for. But instead of finding facts, they got an earful of truth. Peter told them, in common words, that Jesus is the source of salvation.

What impressed the Sanhedrin? Was it eloquence? Nope. Did Peter and John seem like guys who would be neat to buddy up with?

Probably not. Acts 4:13 tells us that it was the confidence of these two men that astonished the Sanhedrin.

- Why does God give us courage?
- How can we be courageous and do our best not to offend others?

Family Fun

As a family, share about the times in life when you've been most scared. How did you respond? How did your faith affect your level of fear? Discuss how trusting God makes us brave.

Daily Challenge

Choose a commitment to trust God for courage as you serve him and reach out this week:

- Show bravery by serving someone you don't get along with. Offer to return his or her tray after lunch, or sit down with that person for five minutes to get to know him or her better. Remember to trust God for courage.
- Forgive someone who hurt you. You don't have to expect anything in return, but just reach out in grace and love. Remember to trust God for courage.
- Remember to trust God for courage in something you're already facing that's unique to your life. Maybe you need to stand up for your faith where you haven't before, or you might need to serve God in a special way. Write your unique situation in which you need courage here:

The WORD for the Week

Monday

Exodus 20:18-19

- How has the fear of God helped you have courage?

Tuesday

Isaiah 40:29

- How has God strengthened you?

Wednesday

Acts 1:8

- How does the Holy Spirit make us brave?

Thursday

James 1:14-15

- How does sin ruin our confidence?

Friday

Philippians 1:27-28

- What type of courage does it take to contend for the faith? When have you had to do this?

Saturday

2 Timothy 1:7

- When have you had to rely on the powerful spirit that God gave you?



Bible Point

Trusting God makes us brave.