

Courage To Act

1 Kings 18:21



Purpose: To encourage us to stand up for what we believe.

Introduction

- Tomorrow is December 7, a date that FDR said would live in infamy.
- Following the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Yamamoto, the commander of the Japanese Fleet and architect of the attack that killed over 2,200 Americans said,
“I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and have instilled in him a terrible resolve.”



What gives us courage?

- The attack on Pearl Harbor helped to unify the nation's resolve to fight the enemy. Those who had ignored the previous actions of the enemies could do so no longer.
- A common enemy united our country to fight for freedoms, values and truths. John 8:32.
- Will a common enemy unite us today?
Will we have the courage to act?



Examples of courage

- Num. 13:17-20. Spies were told to be of good courage, yet 10 returned afraid.
- Josh. 1:1-9. Instructions to be courageous and to observe the laws of God.
- David against Goliath, 1 Sam. 17.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, Dan. 3.
- Daniel, Dan. 6.
- Stephen, Acts 7.



Examples of courage

- Elijah, 1 Kings 18:21. Calls for the people to make a choice. Which God will you choose?
- Challenges to our personal faith often arise.
- It is easier to be courageous when we are surrounded by others. But what about when we feel alone?
- Notice Psalm 27. Wait on the Lord.
Be of good courage!



Conclusion

- Truth is the key to courage. Not many would be foolish to die for a lie. But brave men willingly put their lives on the line for truth.
- Morality is declining, the enemies of God are growing in strength.
- But you, be of good courage!
“If God be for us, who can be against us?” Rom. 8:31.

