

Reboot 2017: New Life for Real People Courage Regenerated

Cowardice isn't a word we use much anymore. Instead, we offer excuses like, "I was too busy," "I didn't know," or "That wasn't my responsibility." We don't want to look bad. We don't want people to think we're ignorant or irresponsible, so when we fail, we take the easy way out. When it comes to our faith, we don't want people to think we're holier than thou, goody-two-shoed, or a fanatic. And so we downplay our religion, opt out of sharing our faith, offering prayer, or mentioning church. We don't want to call it cowardice, but ... This week, we'll explore what Jesus had to say about courage and the lack thereof.

Matthew 10:16, 32-34

1. It's hard to stand by your faith in a _____
_____.

2. The last words Jesus said to Peter were: _____
_____.

To follow me means to do what I do. To go where I send. To obey what I taught. -Jesus

3. Faith sharing isn't _____.

Faith Sharing Made Easy: Prayer On Demand

1. Listen for the _____
_____.

2. Pray _____ and stay _____
_____.

3. Pray in _____.

4. _____

Digging Deeper and Going Further

Read Matthew 10. This is an account of the training Jesus gave to his disciples before he sent them out to share and act out their faith in the towns where he was planning to go. In the midst of those instructions, he reminds them of the consequences of not sharing their faith.

1. What kind of personal fears do you think the disciples had to face when Jesus sent them out in Matthew 10?

2. Do you think “not acknowledging” Jesus is the same as “denying” Jesus? Why or why not?

Read John 18:15–18, 25–27 and John 21:15–19.

3. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times whether or not he loved him?

4. What do you think is the significance that Jesus’ last words to Peter in Gospel of John were “Follow me”?

5. Dr. Bill suggested that “faith sharing is not an option” for a Christian. Do you agree?

6. How (and with whom) will you share your faith with a non-Christian this week? For extra ideas on how, see this month’s *Pilot* at RaytownCC.org/newsletter
