

The Courage to Face Danger and Death



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COURAGE

1. Fear that said its prayers.
2. Fear that holds on one more minute.

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

THE REASONS PAUL WAS WILLING TO FACE DANGER AND DEATH

3. His REDEMPTIVE experience on the Damascus road.
4. The RACE he had run to spread the gospel would have eternal consequences.
5. The REWARD awaiting him following his death.
6. The LORD JESUS was with him even up till the end of his life.

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WHY WE SHOULDN'T FEAR

7. God only allows certain things to happen in our life.
8. God will always be with us.
9. The spirit of fear does not come from God.
10. God turns any situation he allows in our life to our benefit.
11. Fear is not who we are as followers of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:23-31 KJV

[23] Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. [24] Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. [25] Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; [26] In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; [27] In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. [28] Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. [29] Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? [30] If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. [31] The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.