

Constant Courage

Jeremiah 32:38-41

Listen: *Constant Courage and the Chilean Miner Edison Pena*

Understand: EMT's, Policemen and Firemen need courage but so do Moms & Dads and Teens at school and those who go on Mission Trips and those who stand against temptation.

Prayer for 2011: II Corinthians 2:14 "Spread the Knowledge of Him everywhere."

Constant Courage:

Exodus 3:2-6: I am ... not I was

✚ Moses wanted to get closer to God. God wants Moses to get close to Him.

✚ What is your favorite Attribute of God? _____

Jeremiah 32:38-41: 4 Waves of God's Goodness to bring Courage

1. I Will Make an Everlasting Covenant with Them (32:40)

Genesis 15:17, 12:3, Ezekiel 36:26-27

2. I Will Give Them Singleness of Heart and Action (32:39)

Context is King - Why would God give this?

His Name is at Stake! (32:34)

3. I Will Never Stop Doing Good to Them (32:40)

I find that I often struggle with inconsistency. When I struggle I always try and Preach this to myself.

4. I Will Rejoice in Doing Them Good with All My Heart and Soul (32:41)

How does God communicate His heart and soul?

Conclusion: You and I can have Total Confidence in the Goodness of God in 2011. The key is having a relationship with God that is two ways.

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

Idea: The goodness of God is God’s glory and a big Courage Booster.

- **Today:** We can never talk about God behind His back. We cannot speak about God where He can’t hear. **PONDER THIS!**
- **Monday:** God is always at work around you. Read John 5:17. Consider this truth and be encouraged with courage to join God at work.
- **Tuesday:** God is pursuing a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal. Be courageous in light of the overwhelming goodness of God. Remember that His goodness knows no bounds.
- **Wednesday:** God invites you to become involved with Him in His work. Joining God in His work requires faith and action. Fall deeper in love with the God who inspires you to fear Him and move you towards obedience (Jeremiah 32:40 and Ezekiel 36:24-30).
- **Thursday:** Moses knew what many in the church today have forgotten — that the most important activity of God’s people is the worship of God. Moses had been given a guarantee of God’s presence with His people, but that was not enough; he wanted a new vision of the glory of God. God’s “goodness” (33:19) means His character and attributes in full array.
- **Friday:** Consider these two quotes as Courage Boosters: “When you have nothing left but God, then you become aware that God is enough.” Maude Royden. “He who has God and many other things has no more than he who has God alone.” C.S. Lewis
- **Saturday:** Courage Booster Quote — In an attempt to express the inexpressible, a Christian businessman kept this motto on his desk: “How great must be the God we need! How much greater is our God than our greatest need.” John Wesley captured that same truth in a different way, “Give me a worm that can understand a man,” he wrote, “and I will give you a man who can understand God. Psalm 145:3 “His greatness is unsearchable!” But God is good.

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