

## Constant Courage, Part 2

1 Samuel 17 and Joshua 1:9 and Exodus 33:12-16 and Luke 24:13-35

**Courage is...genuine boldness to do the right thing in the face of danger and threat.**

- The need for courage is far broader than being trapped in a mine or chasing a kidnapper or going into a burning building or facing a snarling dog.
- We need courage every day for:

**The Issue:** Since we need courage every day how do we get it and keep it?

- **Last Week:** We can have constant courage because of...our total confidence in the goodness of God. *Foundationally God is for us—He is not out to get us.*

**Today!** We can have constant courage because of...our absolute certainty of the presence of the living God. *Really and truly God is right here—He is right everywhere with us.*

**God is living which means He is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **1 Samuel 17:26, 36.** It mattered to David that God was the *living* God.
- **“Living”** gives us a boat-load of help:

**God is present which means He is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **Joshua 1:9.** There is plenty to fear but there is no need to fear with God present.
- **Exodus 33:12-16.** “If you aren’t going with me God then I am not going.”
- **Luke 24:13-35.** Hearts are turned from despair to burning joy with His presence.
- **“Presence”** gives us a boat-load of help:

**Core Truth:** We can have constant courage because of...our absolute certainty of the presence of the living God. *Really and truly God is right here—He is right everywhere.*

**Once upon a time** a little girl swam all the way across the pool “alone.”

**So What?** What will you do to cultivate the constant awareness of the presence of God?

# “Walking Papers”

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

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## **The “presence” of God gives us a boat-load of help:**

- Companionship:
- Shared resources:
- Meeting needs:
- Power to resist attack:
- Warmth:
- Emotional peace:
- Bolstered hope:
- Heightened accountability:
- Calling us up higher:
- Guidance:
- Tangible love:
- Mentoring:
- Modeling:
- Making provision:
- Bolstered courage:

**Please read:** 1 Samuel 17 and Joshua 1:9 and Exodus 33:12-16 and Luke 24:13-35

- **Today.** In first Samuel 17 there is a terrific contrast between David and the soldiers of Israel. How would you describe the mental and emotional differences?
- **Monday.** What accounted for the opposite personal states—David vs soldiers?
- **Tuesday.** What does God mean for you in His command in Joshua 1:9?
- **Wednesday.** In Ex 33:12-16 why was God’s presence so important to Moses?
- **Thursday.** In Luke 24:13-35 how did Jesus’ presence change things?
- **Friday.** What will you do to cultivate a constant awareness of God’s presence?
- **Saturday.** In preparation for tomorrow please read 1 Samuel 17 again.

*Note for Connection Groups:* The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: [www.cypressbible.org](http://www.cypressbible.org) (Quick Menu / Connect / Sermon Based Small Group Material).