

COURAGE

There is a difference between intellectual knowledge and experiential knowledge.

AS BELIEVERS WE ARE TO BE CLOTHED WITH

1. _____ of Mind

John 16.33: I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

2. _____

Jeremiah 17.7: But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.

3. _____

Joshua 1.9: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

In other words (1) be calm, (2) stand your ground, and (3) face it with “fear and trembling.”

Philippians 2:12: Work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

We do not work *for* our salvation: salvation is a _____ from God that must work itself out in us.

Salvation is inside us and, in faith, it _____ us.

Paul is saying: in regard to God saving you, your response is fear OR reverence and trembling OR weakness acknowledged.

The Greek word for fear is “phobos” and in this context it means “_____” – not terror.

Reverence is simply this: a great humility and awe that is the response for

(1) who God is and

(2) what He has _____ you to (your assignment).

1 Corinthians 2:3: When I came to you brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and with much trembling.

“Fear and trembling” is a healthy reverence and awe of God.

Trembling is the result of our weakness, which leads to a state of _____ on the awe-inspiring God.

In every pressured moment, we must face our fears when our brains yell “run”.

In these pressured moments of life, we CAN have:

1. Peace
2. Confidence
3. Courage

Psalm 2.11: Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

In the face of fear, serve God with reverence and rejoice in your dependency on Him alone.

Jesus has come that you may have life and life to the full.

Does this mean that all tough and pressured moments are removed?

No, it just means we don't have to run away.

We don't have to listen to our brain.

We can listen to the _____ inside us saying: be brave, be courageous, I am with you.

IN YOUR NEXT PRESSURED MOMENT:

1. Embrace human _____.

The heavenly courage you need can only be found in your submission, your _____.

This human "breaking" is one of the hardest seasons to go through.

It is this moment when we surrender to God, die to ourselves and ask Jesus for help that creates a new life for us.

2. Find your _____ in Christ.

Philippians 1.6: Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is in the pressured moments that our real confidence comes out.

3. _____ fear and trembling.

At some point we face our greatest fears – and we must recognize that "fear and trembling" are important and to be embraced because they remind us of two important things:

(a) God can

(b) I can't and I _____ Him.