



*The Bible
on Courage:*

**A 30-DAY
PRAYER
CALENDAR TO
STRENGTHEN
YOUR FAITH**

**GLOBAL
CHRISTIAN
RELIEF**

In a world that often feels overwhelming—where headlines can stir anxiety, societal shifts bring uncertainty, and personal challenges test our deepest resolve—courage isn't just an admirable trait; it's a daily necessity. Every one of us faces moments that demand a deeper strength, a quiet resilience to stand firm in our faith and live out God's unique calling. Perhaps you've felt it recently: a longing for unwavering confidence, a desire to face tomorrow with a spirit unburdened by fear.

But where does real courage come from? It doesn't originate from our own might or a fleeting surge of bravado, but from a divine wellspring: God's unchanging Word. His promises are the bedrock upon which true boldness is built, capable of anchoring our souls even when the storms rage around us.

This guide, "The Bible on Courage: A 30-Day Prayer Calendar to Strengthen Your Faith," is designed to be your steadfast companion on that journey. For the next 30 days, you'll discover powerful Scripture passages that have anchored believers through the ages, offering peace in uncertainty, boldness in the face of fear, and unwavering hope in God's unfailing presence. Each day's entry is connected to a prayer and a "Global Inspiration" note, inviting you to see how God's truth plays out in the lives of courageous believers around the world—our Christian family who embody these truths daily in some of the most difficult contexts around the globe. You'll also encounter powerful "Courageous Witness" stories woven throughout, bringing the reality of their faith to life.

To make the most of this calendar, simply follow these steps each day:

1. READ:

Begin by prayerfully reading the Scripture passage for the day.

2. REFLECT & PRAY:

Engage with the "Reflection/Prayer" section, allowing the truth to settle in your heart and prompt your personal conversation with the Lord.

3. CONNECT & INTERCEDE:

Read the "Global Inspiration" to connect with courageous believers worldwide, then use the specific prayer prompt to intercede for them. This is an opportunity to join a global movement of prayer.

As you consistently engage with these timeless truths, day by day, may you find your faith sharpened and your spirit fortified. Prepare to uncover a deeper wellspring of divine courage, empowering you to face every tomorrow with confidence, knowing God is powerfully with you.



1

Deuteronomy 20:1-4

“When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. He shall say: ‘Hear, Israel: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.’”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when I face overwhelming odds, help me remember that You go before me and fight on my behalf. My courage comes from knowing I don't battle alone.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

This truth empowers persecuted believers worldwide who often face overwhelming opposition from forces far greater than their own, like Pastor Kumar in India who was attacked by Sikh extremists for converting to Christianity. These persecuted brothers and sisters stand firm, knowing that the Lord their God goes with them to fight on their behalf, just as He promised Israel.

Pray for their courage as they depend solely on God's strength against impossible odds, trusting in His assured victory.

2

Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

This promise of God’s unwavering presence empowers persecuted believers who often experience isolation, stripped of earthly community and support. In the face of abandonment, single mothers like Amina in Chad— whose Muslim husband left her— cling to the truth that God will never leave nor forsake them, finding their courage in His constant nearness.

Pray that they feel His nearness, giving them strength to act courageously when all human support is gone.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for always being with me, especially when I face scary situations. Your presence gives me the confidence to be courageous and not fear.

3

Joshua 1:7

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, grant me the courage to obey Your Word fully, even when it goes against the world's message or carries intense consequences. Help me to walk faithfully in Your ways.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

This call to courageous obedience deeply resonates with persecuted believers who face extreme costs for sharing their faith, confessing Jesus, or gathering with others. Their unwavering resolve to follow God's commands, even under threat, is a powerful testimony to their devotion.

Pray the persecuted church would remain committed to obey God above all else, knowing that His way leads to true success.

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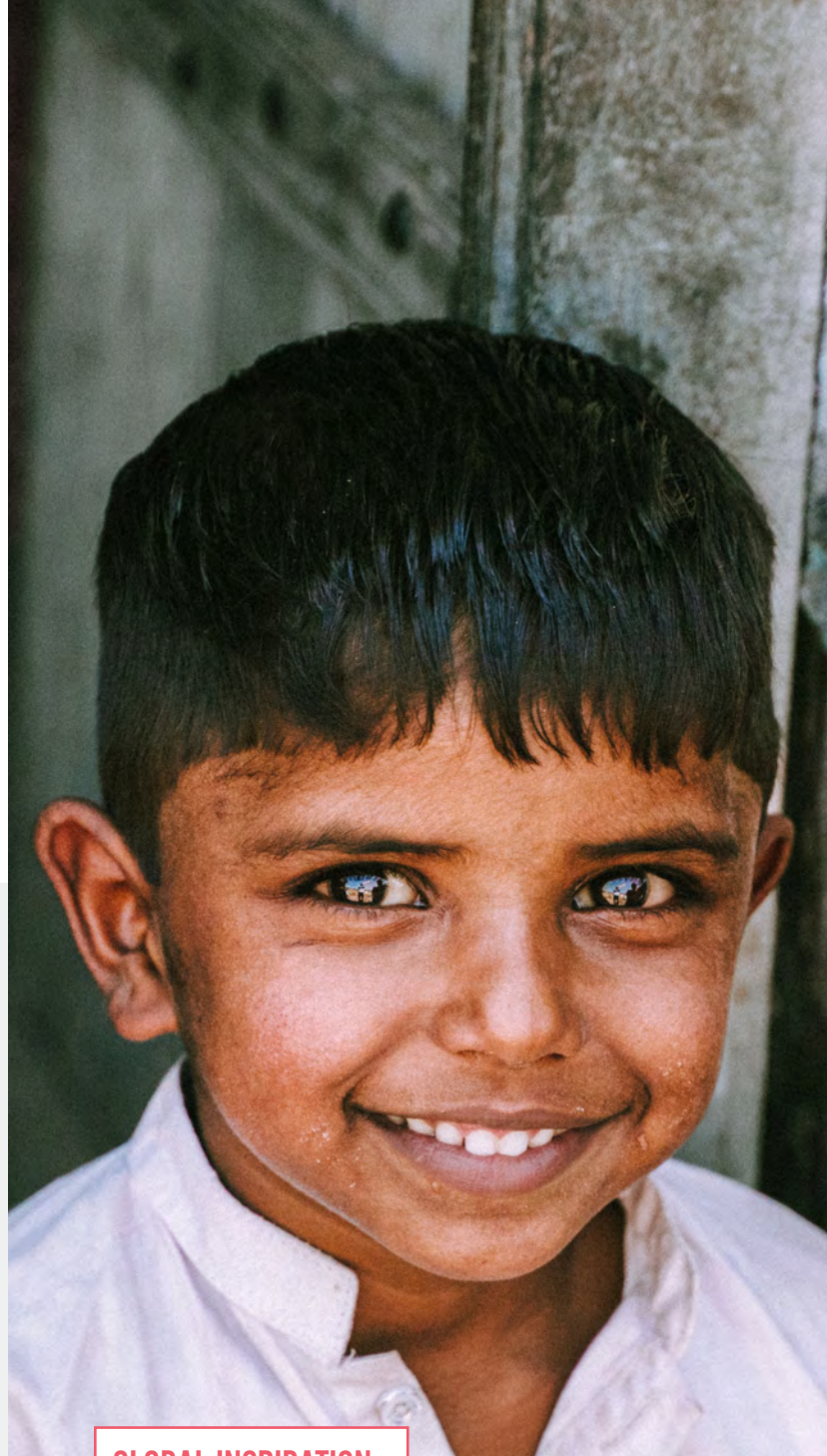
Joshua 10:25

*“Joshua said to them,
'Do not be afraid; do not be
discouraged. Be strong and
courageous. This is what the
Lord will do to all the enemies
you are going to fight.”*



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when I face overwhelming opposition, help me to be strong and courageous, trusting that You will act on my behalf. I pray for Your intervention in my battles.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers often feel vastly outnumbered by powerful adversaries, yet they find great comfort in knowing the Lord promises to fight for them. This divine assurance fuels their courage to endure, resisting the urge to respond in ungodly ways.

Pray for persecuted believers to resist the urge to retaliate, instead trusting God to bring justice and victory, and to act on their behalf when all seems lost.

5

1 Samuel 17:45

“David said to the Philistine, ‘You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.’”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, help me to remember that my strength and courage come from You, not from my own abilities or resources. May I face every challenge by standing in Your mighty name.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers often stand against formidable political, social, and religious powers, facing overwhelming opposition that feels like a modern-day Goliath. Yet, like David, they go forth in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of heaven, whom their oppressors have defied. Knowing they stand in His mighty name empowers them to act with incredible courage against all odds.

Pray for persecuted believers to trust in God alone when facing impossible odds.

6

1 Chronicles 28:20

“David also said to Solomon his son, ‘Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. He will complete all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord, until everything is finished.’”



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers often undertake seemingly impossible tasks, like sharing the Gospel where it's outlawed, or rebuilding communities after destruction, all with few resources. Yet, they are strengthened by the promise that God is with them and will not fail or forsake them.

Pray that persecuted believers trust God to accomplish the impossible through them, knowing He will complete His work for His glory, even in the most challenging circumstances.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when faced with overwhelming tasks, help me to be strong and courageous, remembering that Your presence guarantees success. I pray for Your unfailing help to complete the work You've given me.

7

Psalm 27:1

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?”*



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when I don't know my next step, I remember that You are my light and salvation. Help me to lean on You, trusting Your faithful guidance to overcome all fear.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

For the persecuted Church, God is truly their only light and salvation when they face overwhelming uncertainty and danger, with no clear path forward. They cling to Him as their stronghold, knowing He alone can dispel the darkness and guide their steps.

Pray that they experience His faithfulness to guide them in every situation, illuminating their path even in the deepest darkness.

8

Psalm 31:24

*“Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.”*



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when fear tries to steal my hope, help me to fix my eyes on You. Because my hope is in You alone, I can step out courageously, trusting Your faithfulness.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers often have little to depend on in this life—facing loss of home, family, and freedom—yet they courageously lean on Jesus as their ultimate hope. Their steadfastness in the face of despair is a testament to the power of a hope anchored in the Lord.

Pray that they continue to find strength and take heart, knowing He alone can bring good out of every difficult situation and remains their sure foundation.

9

Psalm 56:3-4

“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when fear grips me, I will immediately put my trust in You and Your unchanging Word. Empower me to step forward in obedience, knowing that with You, no human threat can truly harm me.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers hunger for the unchanging, hope-filled Word of God. As they lean on the promises of Scripture, they find the courage to move forward in faith, understanding that what mere mortals can do pales in comparison to God’s ultimate protection and purpose.

Pray for persecuted Christians who have a limited access to Scripture. Ask Him to provide Bibles and give persecuted Christians a growing confidence in the unchanging Word of God.



10

Psalm 118:6

“The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Even when they feel utterly alone and without earthly allies, facing threats from those in power, the persecuted church leans on God’s constant presence. This divine companionship grants them a peace that surpasses understanding, empowering them to move forward in faith. They stand courageous, knowing that no human threat can ultimately overcome the One who is always with them.

Pray for persecuted believers who are facing frightening situations right now. Ask the Lord to give them the courage to choose Jesus above all else.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, because You walk with me, I choose not to fear any outcome or opposition. Your presence grants me a peace that surpasses all understanding, enabling me to face whatever comes my way.

11

Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, I will not fear or be dismayed, for You are my God. Even when I have nothing else to depend on, I know the resources of heaven are at my disposal, and You will strengthen, help, and uphold me.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

No matter the struggles or intense isolation they face, from physical hardship to spiritual warfare, the persecuted church can depend upon God's unwavering strength and help. He promises to be their God, strengthening, helping, and upholding them with His righteous right hand.

Pray that they continually experience His upholding hand, knowing He is their ultimate resource and defender in every trial.

12

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

No matter the intensity or brutal form of persecution a believer faces—from physical violence to systemic discrimination—they cannot be stopped when they truly move in God's ways and in His Spirit. Their ability to endure and thrive comes from Christ alone, making humanly impossible feats a reality.

Pray that persecuted believers worldwide are continually empowered by Christ, enabling them to courageously fulfill their mission and advance the Gospel even in humanly impossible situations.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, I acknowledge that my ability to do anything of true value comes from You alone. When the odds are stacked against me, I will walk in Your strength, knowing that with You, nothing is impossible.

13

2 Chronicles 32:7–8

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles.’ And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when things feel out of control, I find deep courage in knowing I have power beyond any earthly kingdom at my disposal. Thank You for being the Lord my God, always ready to help me and fight my battles, for nothing is beyond You.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers often face opponents with far more money, weapons, and authority—the arm of flesh. Yet they take heart in a greater Power with them: the Lord who helps and fights their battles. This truth steadies pastors threatened by militias, families pressured by officials, and small house churches surrounded by hostility. Their strength isn’t for show; it’s a calm confidence in God’s power.

Pray that they deeply feel His presence, granting them unwavering courage for every step.

14

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.”



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

For persecuted believers, God’s constant companionship is a comfort during the toughest times. They are never truly alone, and this divine presence empowers them to venture into dangerous or unknown territories, boldly carrying the Gospel wherever God commands.

Pray that the persecuted Church would sense God’s presence today and take strength and courage from the truth that they are never alone.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, because You are with me wherever I go, I can be strong and courageous, never afraid or discouraged. Knowing the most powerful Being in the universe is on my side fills me with confidence.

15

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, though it's natural to feel afraid when struggles arise, I declare that You have not given me a spirit of fear. Instead, through Your Spirit within me, You provide the power, love, and sound mind needed to overcome any challenge and fulfill Your calling.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

The persecuted church often finds itself in incredibly difficult and intimidating places, yet they do not need to fear. God has powerfully equipped them with His Spirit, granting them divine power, unwavering love for Him and others, and a sound mind to navigate chaos, enabling them to stand firm and courageous for their faith.

Pray that the persecuted church would recognize the spirit of power, love, and a sound mind that God has given. Thank the Lord for his presence and provision for persecuted believers around the world.

Courageous Witness:

Suzanne's Radical Forgiveness in Nigeria

In 2014, Suzanne returned to her village in Madagali, Nigeria, thinking the Boko Haram insurgency was over. While working on her farm with her father, assailants appeared. She pleaded for their lives, but a militant shot her father dead before her eyes. Then, with a gun to her head, she was commanded to follow him. "I didn't feel alive," she recalls, experiencing an intense internal pain. Yet, in that horrific moment, her faith remained unwavering. She refused to go, standing her ground for three hours, even with a cocked gun pressed against her back.

When the militant finally shot her in the head, she fell unconscious, believed to be dead. Miraculously, she survived, waking up in a coffin being taken for burial. "God saved my life," she testifies.

Despite losing her father, her response to her attacker is perhaps her most significant act of courage and faith. "Right from when the Boko Haram assailant shot me," Suzanne reveals, "I only pray for him saying: 'Oh God, in ignorance he committed his actions. Oh God, forgive them.'" If she met the man who shot her, she says, "I'd welcome him, give him a place to sit... We'll eat together and pray... because Jesus Christ teaches me so. That we should never retaliate evil for evil."

Suzanne's story is a breathtaking testament to Christ-centered courage and radical forgiveness—a faith so deep it can pray for those who inflict the sharpest wounds.

Her life is a powerful witness to God's presence and transforming power, even in the toughest circumstances.



16

Philippians 1:27–30

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, You call us to stand firm in one Spirit together, reminding me that my courage doesn't have to be a lonely experience. Thank You for making us one Church, one family, allowing us to stand courageously when needed, knowing we can face challenges together.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

This passage powerfully reinforces the reality of the persecuted church. They live in places where opposition is fierce, yet they stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together for the faith of the Gospel, “without being frightened in any way by those who oppose” them. The faithfulness and courage of women like Suzanne in the midst of struggles serve as a sign of God’s love and power to their oppressors. We have the opportunity to stand with these brave believers and support them as they face immense difficulties, recognizing that their suffering for Christ is a divinely granted privilege that testifies to God’s ultimate triumph.

Pray for persecuted believers to feel the supernatural unity of the global Church, empowering them to stand firm and courageous, knowing their faithfulness is a powerful sign of God’s saving work amidst all opposition.

17

Psalm 119:105

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path."*



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

For the persecuted church, God's unchanging Word provides a sure footing and clear direction when troubles and trials are right around the corner, and earthly wisdom fails. Even in the deepest darkness, His Word is a lamp for their feet, illuminating their path forward. They can be confident that God is with them, and His Word will always be the right and correct guide, illuminating their way forward in faith and empowering them to walk courageously.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, knowing Your Word illuminates my path gives me courage to take each step, not relying on my own wisdom, but on Yours. Even when I don't understand what's ahead, I can be courageous because Your Word is always true and trustworthy.

Ask God to provide Bibles for persecuted Christians around the world in their native language so they can experience the transformative power of the Word and be enriched by His promises.

18

Nehemiah 4:14

"After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.'"



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, when fear rises, help me to remember You are great and awesome, powerful and fully able to see me through any trial. I will not fear what comes my way, for You fight for all that is precious to me.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecution often impacts generations, like it does in Pakistan's brick kilns where debt bondage systematically threatens families' futures.

For persecuted Christians who may have no earthly advocate, the truth that God Himself will fight for their families brings comfort and courage.

Pray they stand firm, knowing the King of the universe is their protector and champion.



19

Psalm 112:7–8

"[The person who fears the Lord] will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes."



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers face constant stressors and a relentless stream of “bad news” from a worldly perspective—loss of rights, lack of food, and systemic oppression. Yet, this passage reveals their source of courage: they find their security in the unchanging God of the Bible.

Pray that persecuted Christians worldwide remain steadfast, trusting in the Lord even when surrounded by adversity, knowing their hearts are secure in Him.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, I pray that I will have no fear of bad news, knowing that my trust in You makes my heart steadfast and secure. Even when challenges arise, I rest in the assurance that You have my best interest in mind, and I don't have to fear what comes my way.

20

Psalm 46:1

*"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble."*



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, You are my refuge and strength. When troubles surround me, I can hide in Your power and rest in the complete goodness of the Creator of the universe. Thank You for being my ever-present help, giving me confidence in Your ultimate power.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

For the persecuted Church, this means God's ever-present power and unwavering support are with them, no matter what struggles they face. They can find courage and endurance, knowing that the God of the universe is their constant hiding place and source of strength amidst every trial.

Pray for persecuted Christians facing uncountable struggles today. Ask God to make His presence clear to them in the midst of their pain.

21

Proverbs 28:1

*"The wicked flee though no one pursues,
but the righteous are as bold as a lion."*



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

This verse speaks powerfully to persecuted Christians who are often forced to choose between fleeing or standing firm in their faith. Time and again, stories from the frontlines reveal believers choosing to be "bold as a lion," faithful to Jesus even when struggles intensify. Their unwavering courage inspires us to live out our own faith with similar conviction, knowing that when we stand in Christ's righteousness, we can face any challenge.

Pray that persecuted believers around the world will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to choose boldness as they face opposition, reflecting Christ's unwavering courage.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, because I have the righteousness of Jesus, I pray for the confidence and courage to be as bold as a lion, acting on all You have called me to do. Help me face tomorrow's struggles with expectation and excitement, ready to move forward into all You've made me for.

22

Daniel 3:16–18

“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.’”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, I pray for the courage to act boldly, knowing my ability to do so isn't based on an expected outcome, but on Your unchanging goodness. Help me to have faith in Your plans, no matter what happens, trusting completely in You.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

The unwavering stance of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego serves as a beacon for persecuted believers today. Not every story of faith in the fire ends with physical deliverance, as 20 centuries of Christian martyrs remind us. Yet, their legacy, and the testimony of persecuted believers today, shows that courage is anchored in the goodness of God and an unshakeable faith in His ultimate plan, even when earthly outcomes are unexpected.

Pray for persecuted Christians to embody this “even if He does not” faith, standing firm in their conviction regardless of the cost, and finding their strength in God alone.



23

Matthew 10:28

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, You tell me not to be afraid of death, which goes against everything the world teaches. Help me to remember that You are in control of my eternity, and that a life—and death—without You is far worse than any earthly fear. Empower me to live courageously, fearing only You.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted Christians often face the ultimate test of courage: the threat of death for their faith. Jesus' words in this verse serve as a stark reminder that they need not fear physical death, as their persecutors can only harm the body, not the eternal soul. This truth empowers believers to stand firm, knowing their ultimate destiny rests securely in God's hands.

Pray for persecuted believers to grasp this liberating truth, enabling them to face threats with supernatural courage and unwavering faith in Christ's control over their eternity.

24

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, I thank You that peace is not the absence of trouble, but the realization that You walk with me through every difficulty. Help me to take heart and have courage, knowing that You have already overcome the world, and I can find my peace in You.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers face immense trouble, yet this verse offers them peace. It's not a peace found in the absence of conflict, but the remarkable peace that God provides in the midst of their suffering. Knowing that Jesus has overcome the world—its systems, its opposition, and its threats—gives persecuted Christians an unwavering source of courage and hope, allowing them to take heart even in the darkest circumstances.

Pray that persecuted believers will experience God's supernatural peace daily, enabling them to stand firm and courageous, knowing Christ has already triumphed over all the world's troubles.

25

Acts 4:13

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

The persecuted church often operates without formal training or worldly power, yet they display undeniable courage in the face of immense adversity. Like Peter and John, their boldness stems not from human credentials, but from an undeniable closeness with Jesus. This passage is a powerful reminder that their steadfastness is a direct result of being “with Jesus,” empowering them to stand firm and courageous for His name.

Pray that persecuted believers worldwide will draw strength from their intimate relationship with Jesus, enabling them to stand boldly and courageously for His truth, astonishing those who observe their unwavering faith.



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, Peter and John remind me that You can use anyone who is willing to courageously stand for You, regardless of worldly success or education. Help me to become known for my closeness to You, as it is that intimacy that grants me the confidence and boldness I need to follow You fully.

26

Acts 20:22–24

“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for the Holy Spirit who empowers me to do what You’ve called me to do, even when I’m scared. Help me, like Paul, to prioritize Your will above everything—even my own life—so that I can be faithful to the Spirit’s leading and act courageously in completing the task You’ve given me.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Persecuted believers frequently face life-and-death situations, much like Paul facing “prison and hardships.” Yet, the same Holy Spirit who empowered Paul also empowers them to act courageously. They embody this passage by valuing God’s will above all else, often considering their own lives as secondary to the task of testifying to God’s grace. Their faithfulness to the Spirit’s leading, even in the face of extreme danger, is a powerful testament to the divine courage available to those who prioritize God’s kingdom.

Pray that persecuted Christians will be deeply aware of the Holy Spirit’s compelling presence and power, enabling them to courageously complete their task of testifying to God’s grace, even amidst severe hardships and the threat of death.



27

Romans 8:31, 35, 37–39

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ...Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, Your unwavering love empowers me to act courageously even when I'm tempted to be afraid. I praise You that nothing—not hardship, nakedness, or danger—can separate me from Your love. Thank You for empowering me to fulfill Your unique call for my life, a truth I can fully trust.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

This passage is a powerful declaration for the persecuted church, whom God calls “more than conquerors” in His Word. They face the very real threats listed here—trouble, hardship, persecution, danger, and the sword—yet they can stand strong and courageous in the midst of suffering. Why? Because they can rest assured that absolutely nothing in all creation will be able to separate them from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This truth fuels their resilience and defiant hope.

Pray for persecuted believers to grasp the absolute certainty of God's unbreakable love, knowing that in Him, they are always more than conquerors, empowered to stand firm no matter the cost.

28

1 Corinthians 2:1–3

“And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human 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 with great fear and trembling.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, Paul’s example teaches me that true courage isn’t bravado, but an extension of Christ-centered humility. It’s not based on my abilities, but on the life-changing message of Christ crucified. Help me to resolve to know nothing but You, so that even in my weakness, Your power and truth can be proclaimed through me.



GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

To the outside world, the persecuted church—the great heroes of the modern church—often appears weak, possessing no wealth or worldly power. Yet, like Paul, they embody courage, not through human eloquence or wisdom, but through absolute reliance on “Jesus Christ and him crucified.” Despite coming “in weakness with great fear and trembling,” they carry the most powerful message in the world: the living God dying for their sin, granting them the power of the King of the universe. This divine reversal is the source of their unwavering boldness in the face of immense adversity.

Pray for persecuted believers to continue proclaiming the testimony about God with Christ-centered humility, knowing that their apparent weakness is precisely where God’s ultimate power is most clearly displayed.

29

Hebrews 10:19–22

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, it is sometimes hard to imagine, but I praise You that I have direct access to You, the King of the universe, not as an outsider but as Your beloved child. Thank You that through the shedding of Jesus' blood, I can bravely and boldly overcome my fears. Help me to continually draw near to You with full assurance, trusting in this new and living way.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

Many persecuted believers may not have access to fancy churches or paid clergy, but they possess something infinitely better: direct access to God through the blood of Jesus. As they lean on this intimate access, it becomes their wellspring of courage, enabling them to step out in faith and in bold, sacrificial love, even in the most perilous circumstances. Their confidence to enter the “Most Holy Place” empowers them to endure and shine as lights for the Gospel.

Pray that persecuted Christians worldwide will deeply grasp and draw upon their direct, confident access to God through Christ's blood, empowering them to act with unwavering courage and radical love amidst all trials.

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Revelation 2:13

"I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives."



REFLECTION/PRAYER:

Lord, I thank You that You know exactly where I live and the challenges I face. Even when I find myself in communities or situations antithetical to the Gospel, I pray for Your Spirit to give me the strength to hold to my faith and remain true to Your name, just as the church in Pergamum did.

GLOBAL INSPIRATION:

John's message to the church in Pergamum resonates with the reality of the persecuted church today. Many believers are persecuted precisely because they live in places "where Satan has his throne"—regions where evil has become a stronghold and forces actively oppose the Gospel. Yet, like the faithful in Pergamum who did not renounce their faith even unto death (as seen in Antipas), countless persecuted believers lean on the Holy Spirit and courageously refuse to bend a knee to the evil around them. God has given them the strength to be bold and truthful witnesses, inspiring us all.

Pray for persecuted Christians living in strongholds of evil, that God's Spirit will continue to empower them to remain true to His name, standing firm and bold in their faith, no matter the cost.



Courageous Witness:

Hani's Steadfast Faith Amidst Ruins in Turkey



Hani Moussa, a Christian woman from Turkey, faced unimaginable terror when a series of devastating earthquakes struck her city. Her home was destroyed, leaving her shaken and afraid. "I was sleeping here," she recalls, gesturing to the ruins of her bedroom, "but then the earthquake came. Our house was destroyed. Everything is in a ruin." In the immediate aftermath, she lived in a tent, the reality of her loss stark and overwhelming.

Despite the fear and the physical destruction, Hani's faith remained unshaken. "I have always had faith," she states with quiet conviction. "Nothing changed for me all through my life. I pray, I have faith in God." This deep-rooted trust became her source of fortitude.

Then, a tangible expression of God's care arrived: a container home, provided through the support of the global Christian family. For Hani, this was more than just shelter; it was a return to safety and peace. "This is better," she shares. "The container is like a house... I sleep without fear. Very relaxing." She isn't hesitant to share her gratitude: "I'm so thankful for all the help that you gave me. You gave me a home to stay."

Hani's story is a powerful testament to the courage of enduring faith—a steadfast reliance on God's presence and provision even when everything earthly is stripped away.

It reminds us that God provides refuge, and His people, united in prayer and support, are His hands and feet in the darkest times.

Conclusion: Your Journey Continues

As you conclude this 30-day journey through powerful verses on courage, we pray your heart is filled with fresh strength and unwavering hope. The Word of God truly is a never-ending source of divine resilience, perfectly equipping us to live boldly and faithfully, no matter the circumstances we encounter. The truths you've meditated on are not just ancient words, but living power for today.

The courage you've explored in these pages isn't just a historical concept; it's a vibrant, living reality for millions of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. These 'great heroes' of the modern church daily embody the very truths found in these Scriptures, standing firm for Christ in the face of intense pressure and opposition—from physical threats to social ostracism. Their steadfastness, rooted in God's boundless love and power, serves as a powerful testimony to the world and an inspiration for us all.

At Global Christian Relief, we are privileged to stand with and serve these courageous believers on the frontlines of faith. We invite you to continue to grow in courage and

to discover more about their extraordinary stories—stories that will not only deepen your own faith but also connect you more closely to the global family of Christ. Your journey of courage has just begun, and it connects you to a movement far larger than yourself.

To learn more about how you can stand with our persecuted family and join a growing movement of prayer and support, visit GlobalChristianRelief.org.

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