

Courage, Community, Commitment

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I. Introduction

Philippians 4:13 (NAS) *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

Courage – The ability to face difficult or dangerous situations regardless of our fear.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love. God doesn't require us to succeed, He only requires that we try.” (Mother Teresa)

Colossians 3:23 (NAS) *Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.*

“Audacious faith is the raw material that authentic Christianity is made of. It's the stuff that triggers ordinarily level-headed people like you and me to start living with unusual boldness.” (Steven Furtick)

“If God always met our expectations, He couldn't exceed them.” (Steven Furtick)

Community

Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV) *¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Love – God's framework for how His people care for the body of Christ.

John 13:34 (NIV) *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

Fellowship – God's people gathering as one.

Acts 2:42 (NIV) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

Service – God's desire for us to be a people who take action for the Kingdom.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

Commitment

1. Every story has a beginning
2. Commitment is key
3. Serving isn't about you

“Commitment means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do long after the mood you said it in has left you.”

God ____
Spouse ____
Family ____

Friends ____
Church ____

II. Conclusion