

UNLEASHED

Courage

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MESSAGE RECAP

It takes courage to live as God's witness (Acts 3:12-19; 4:18-20). Such courage comes from the Holy Spirit who enables us to stand confidently against the opposition and intimidation of the enemy. The Holy Spirit empowers us to overcome fear (Rev. 21:8; Matt. 5:11-12) and to boldly engage others as boldly engage others as the sweet aroma of Christ (2 Cor. 2:14-16).

GETTING STARTED

1. Are you a person who takes risks? How likely are you to willingly step into an uncomfortable, challenging, or confrontational situation?

GOING DEEPER

1. As believers, what are the biggest obstacles to courage? What threatens or intimidates us from being witnesses for God?
2. What does opposition or persecution look like for believers in Abilene or in the Big Country? How do we stand against such opposition or persecution?
3. What are some practical ways we can courageously be the *aroma of Christ* to others?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Are you a person of courage? What in your life most undermines your courage as a witness for God?
2. In what situation or relationship do you need courage right now?

MINISTRY TIME

Read the verses from Acts 4:23-31 out loud to your Life Group. Take time as a group to make the prayer of the early church your own. Ask the Lord to enable your group to be witnesses with great boldness and to be instruments of the supernatural and the miraculous. Ask Him for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit, giving you the necessary courage to engage others confidently.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER WALKING

Take time toward the end of your Life Group gathering (approx. 20 minutes) to divide into smaller groups of 2-3 people to **walk and pray over a specific neighborhood** represented by someone in your group - this may require some planning for the next several weeks in terms of where you meet. Refer to the **Neighborhood Prayer Guide** for specific bullet points on how to pray as you walk (available at the **Unleashed** Information Table or online at www.beltwayunleashed.com/downloads and www.beltwayunleashed.com/lifegroups). Please be strategic in identifying and assigning specific streets to the smaller parties you send out.

JUST FOR LEADERS

VISION CASTING:

Remember to be intentional about breaking into specific discipleship groups this month; Fireteams for men and Impact Groups for women. Cast the vision to your group again and communicate a clear plan for how and when these groups will take place.

CRITICAL DATES & INFORMATION:

Sunday, October 16 - DNA Infusion at 10:50 in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 23 - GroupLink Mixer at 10:50 in the Chapel
Wednesday, October 26 - DNA Infusion at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

