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THE ANATOMY OF COURAGE

Phil. 1:28

Fearlessly no matter what your enemies may do, they will see this as a sign of their downfall. But for you, it will be a clear sign from God that he is with you and that he will give you eternal life with him.

INTRODUCTION:

Dr. J. B. Gamble said, spiritual cowardness is not only weakness but wickedness. When some great sorrow or suffering is our lot, multitudes of cowards and weaklings -- some take the back door out of life. Suicides. If my memory serves me correctly, I think there are thirteen every day committed. There are others who would be cowards like Job's wife. And wish to curse God and die. Some would say they are sorry about the day of their birth. It would have been better not to have lived at all than to face up to the things that we have to face.

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Sir Winston Churchill, we remember, during his last years, ^{during World War II.} President John F. Kennedy paid him tribute in April, 1963. Congress authorized to make Sir Winston an honorary citizen of the U. S. He is the most honored and honorable man to walk the stage of human history in the time in which we live.

You may recall that Churchill had a personal physician as a friend. Lord Moran. He was a remarkable person. And he wrote a small book during World War II. It was entitled, "Anatomy Of Courage". Hence, our subject. And I like his definition of courage. "Courage is the ability not to quit."

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Sir Winston had that courage when his country was beseiged and they stood alone. France had fallen. The United States had not yet entered the war activity. London stood in ruin. And he raised his two fingers in a v for victory in defiance of Hitler. Whom he called that (wicked man.)

His spirit and his words, and his leadership proved his courage.

Now, President Roosevelt was also another man of great courage. Perhaps, he gave to us an example of a man who was paralyzed. And yet he tackled the hardest jobs, in the highest position of the nation. And was productive during his days.

When things go wrong, as they sometimes do will, when the road your're treading seems all up hill when the funds are low & the debts are high - Rest if you must, but don't quit.

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I. ADVERSARIES

There is a great deal of difference between one Christian and another. And Paul here is talking about the Christians developing courage. Let your (conversation) be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ. Now this word is a little bit misleading because today it means to talk. But it is derived from a Latin word which means to conduct ones self. To behave one's self. It has the whole life and conduct in word and in action, and in behavior. It means to walk about and to be a good citizen.

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In the midst of the adversaries. In the Roman colonies, the Roman citizens never forgot that they were Romans. They spoke the Latin language, they wore the Latin dress. You and I know full well the privileges and the responsibilities of being a Roman citizen. Paul said here at Phillippi. You are many miles from Rome but you must still live and act as Rome does.

What he is (reminding them) is - that they have a higher duty than even that. They have the benefits as a citizen of the (kingdom of God). You must never forget the privileges and the responsibilities of citizenship.

What then does Paul expect ~~from God~~. He expects them to be steadfast. The world is full of Christians on the retreat. Christians when they find Christianity to be difficult, they are least players at Christianity. They will not stand up. They are ashamed to acknowledge it. Paul expects here to get a unity of them being bound together. And he expects him to develop a courage that will be unconquerable. They must never give up to the struggle of their faith. And he tells them there are some enemies. And often these evils seem beyond defeating. But he says, never abandon the struggle - the Christian must fight on. He must stay calm, cool, and courageous.

And only to be worthy of the Gospel of Christ, to behave as a citizen in V. (27). And that is the story of being worthy -- is on a pair of (scales). There was an accepted standard of measurement. Which was used to determine the weight of the substance. Against it - it was matched. The worth was found as the standard weight balanced out. And therefore, the Gospel-worthy life is described here to be independent, vigorous, and courageous, Paul says. But you have an adversary, Paul says, that you are going to have conflict with. And we must learn this. To be not afraid. They had adversaries. And these adversaries would challenge them.

Remember, Jesus ¹¹ said - I send ye forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. ¹¹ You shall be hated of all men for my name sake. But those that persecute you will think

that he is doing God's service. In the world, you will have tribulation. Be in me, ye shall have peace.

Therefore, our Lord knew that he was going to have adversaries.

It is to be noted that there was caution - as Peter said, lest ye being led away by the arrow of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. Your suffering must be for the sake of righteousness and for Christ's sake. All for him.

Now there are men who are our adversaries - who let the Devil use them. But what does Peter say. 'Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the Devil is as a roaring lion. Seeking whom he may devour.' Now we know, that we have such. Paul said on another occasion, 'ye reckon not with flesh and blood. But against principalities and powers. Against the rulers of the darkness of this world. Against spiritual wickedness in high places.' We could say verily then, that our adversaries in this world and Christians have adversaries. And they are called to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. They are called to fight the good fight of faith. And they have certain equipment. 'Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God. Be able to withstand in the evil day. And having done the stand, stand therefore having your loins girded about with truth. And having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. Above all, taking the shield of faith where with ye shall be able to quench all the firey darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit. Which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer, and supplication in the spirit.'

Now we have commented upon the adversaries. Let us move directly into our

subject. David Adamson - Giant Soldier took courage - being shot - 5 stones -
 one Sunday - Family driving through country. The children talking about Bible stories
 they had heard in S.S. That morning - David & The Giant
 suddenly little Sally interrupted the conversation & pointed to
 some Holstein cows. "There's some of those Philistines now!"

II. THE ANATOMY OF COURAGE

As we come to think now in reference and to courage -- they are not to be afraid.
 Nothing is to be terrified by our adversaries. Take a watch against them. As the
 whole world lies in wickedness, he says. But here is something you need. And that is
 courage.

like the kind a boy ask a girl for a date,

There are several kinds of courage that we might deal with. In thinking about
 the anatomy of courage. But I want to major on the fidelity of courage, and the
faithfulness of courage, and the fearlessness of courage. There is a kind of courage
 that we honor in a soldier. Who has the courage to remain steadfast in his trust and
duty. Even in the face of death, we respect him for that. *Gen McArthur said "I shall Return"*

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During the observance of Animal week, the 4th graders told about their kindness to pets, asked what
 he had done one little boy said, "I kicked a boy for kicking his dog".

Then there is the kind of courage that we admire in an athlete. In many phases
 it takes courage to carry on the endeavor of sports.

Then there is the kind of courage that we expect from a handicapped person.
 He must take courage in his life inspite of his physical disability. And goes on to
conquer and to be victorious in it.

For example, Miss Louise Luck of Richmond, Virginia. She had polio. But she
 had decided that she wanted to be a teacher. And suddenly she found that she was
 unable to walk. She had heavy leg braces. Two canes. But she was determined to go

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back into the world. And it is always my aim, she says, regardless of what comes along -- "I won't let anything get me down." It took her three years and thousands of exercises each day. It took her the best part of the morning and the afternoon so she could work and walk a short block. But with courage and determination, she learned to drive a car. With the help of special equipment. And then she got a teaching position at Chandler Jr. High School. And she became a blessing to thousands of boys and girls and teachers. Through the years, as a teacher and as a counselor, she was literally shackled to her chair. Her legs had heavy braces. She kept this carefully out of sight. And in meeting someone, they always found the light of warmth and a smile in her face. In the many years of teaching at Chandler Jr. High School, she missed only a few days. And they were days to go to funerals, for her devoted mother and brother. Heavy snows kept many students away - but not Miss Luck. She was there every morning and assisted, and worked. Some of her devoted students met her at the door each morning and assisted her to her counseling quarters. Her courage and determination was something else. Her vacations took her throughout the U. S., Canada, and Mexico. For most of her handicapped years she stayed out of the wheelchair. A reporter interviewed her, and he said the children completely trust her. Many girls will tell their problems that they cannot share with anyone else. And other problems, often the parents come and share with her. Strangers go out of her office, never knowing that she sits moulded to a desk. With steel braces on each leg. But she sits there at that desk, seven hours each day, working and carrying on. And all the while a cheerful word of encouragement, when she speaks.

One student said, she is the best friend I've ever had. In July 1965, school was out, for Miss Luck. Retirement day arrived. And they gave her a wonderful retirement party. Letters, cards, telephone messages. But she didn't take to the rocking chair. She has visited Hawaii, and many of the other states. And she continues to be a blessing. She says, I have always told myself, I won't let anything get me down. Now that my friends, is something of physical courage.

As you think about the anatomy of courage.

Now believe you me, Christians need courage. But here is an adversary that comes. It is dangerous. Because we cannot see him. And the adversary knows the way to trip us up. But God knows the way we walk through this great wilderness.

First, fidelity. I think the first thing in the anatomy of courage, I would say that would be necessary - would be fidelity to courage. Somehow, God must give his permission. I don't think the adversary can really hurt us without God's permission. I see in the life of Job, hast thou not made a hedge about him, and about all that he hath, said Satan. Who had searched his hedge all around. And could not find a place to get in and penetrate. He examines it - he cannot get over it, and he cannot get through it.

But he told God this. And he said his safety and his advantage is that he would curse God to his face. Well, then, try said God. I will allow you to do this. He shall be at the disposal of your hand. Only observe that the almighty god forbids him to touch his life. This we see, how completely a Christian believer is under God's control. Satan was obliged to go to God about this.

You remember, Peter, when Satan wanted to touch his life. Satan had desired to have thee, said the Lord Jesus.

Now the Devil, the adversary could not enter into the herd of swine. They were

asking leave. And were given permission to do so.

You remember John Bunyan, as he told the account of the hero difficulty. There was a lion on the right hand and on the left. And the Christian was afraid to advance. And he was told that they were chained. And if he kept in the middle of the path, they could not touch him. You remember this. Therefore, Christians, here is an adversary - but if we will practice fidelity, if we will be faithful, we will discover that we should not take anything for granted of course. But we should know that if we will practice fidelity in our courage, we will be victorious.

The Bible often says, and as the Lord said to Joshua, be strong and of good courage. "The one here that our Lord speaks too, is to be of good courage, and be of good cheer. You and I can be brave. And we can be faithful."

One of the fine examples of this kind of courage that I am talking about is Wendall Phillipps, a man we find in American history. He was a great crusader against slavery. It required genuine courage. And if he were alive today, he would be characterized as a man of real courage.

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His strength was not all his own. His wife, an invalid, could not go with him on his lecture tours. But always as she kissed him goodbye, she told him this, "Now Wendall, don't shilly-shally."

Today you and I go about our various jobs, and chances are we may be faced with decisions. But here is a question that is right or wrong. And sometimes, you know retreat. But here is life's demand. We ought to take the counsel of Mrs. Wendall Phillipps

- now don't shilly-shally. We need that counsel - we need to be faithful and practice fidelity. This is part of the anatomy of courage that will help us to go on and to be strong in the strength of the spirit.

We should remember that God is above our adversary. Fear not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God.

Dr. Watts put it, a thousand savage beasts of prey, around the forest roam, but Judah's lion guards the way, and brings the strangers home.

It is used in a way of a proverb of Rome. "It was unbecoming a Roman soldier, to fear, while Caesar was alive."

I am sure, it is unbecoming for a Christian soldier to have fears while Jesus is Lord.

Jesus's Lord lives. He said, because I live, ye shall live also. If God be for us - who can be against us."

Second, fruitful. Now this is the second part of the anatomy of courage. Christianity depends upon courage. It demands laborers who will work. For the book of Numbers 13:20, we read, be ye of good courage. And bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes."

So true courage is a willingness to work and to be faithful. That regardless of the ups and downs of the day, the goal that we have set before us, is to be fruitful for him.

As we dissect this part of the anatomy of courage, we could fill up pages with illustrations. And in 1521, Martin Luther began a journey to the Imperial City of Worms with the firm purpose of taking the battle of the reformation into the capitol. As he approached the city, he was met by the ruler. He entreated him in the name of his master not to enter the town where his death had already been decided. "Tell your master as if there were as many devils in worms, as tiles on its roofs, I still would enter."

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We marvel at such courage. And we marvel at a man who was so firm and dedicated to his great cause. That he was willing to do something for Christ. And his courage bore fruit. It was a fruitful mission.

One day a couple of the disciples were on their way by the gate beautiful. And there they seized an opportunity to heal a man.

And they did so by the power and by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. When they were rebuffed of this - they said, we cannot but speak. And they were amazed when they heard them say whether it be right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than God. And they were simply astonished at the boldness of Peter and John. Such boldness as they went up and down the streets, witnessing for Jesus Christ. They prayed for courage, we read in Acts 4:29-30. Not simply courage to endure. But they prayed for courage to speak the word with boldness. And they were going to

need courage because they were going to undertake great things for God.

Having been with Jesus, this courage brought fruit. Because the Bible tells us that Pentecost had happened all over again. Acts 4:4. And the number of men came to be about 5,000. Now we are not certain whether it means that 5,000 were saved at one time. Or whether it brought the total of Christians to 5,000. In any case, there were at least (2,000) who were saved. And that is fruitful. And their courage was paying off for them.

The missionary in China during the Boxer Rebellion, who was ordered to recant his faith, and sacrifice to the heathen idol, replied that he would do no such thing. The ruler said, "Do you know that your life is in my hands. And if I like, I could kill you."

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The missionary said, I know that. But before you do kill me - let me tell you a story. And you can decide my fate when I have finished. "Suppose one of your most faithful servants should fall into the hands of your enemies. And they tried to persuade him to rebel against you. To turn traitor. He, however, remains faithful. And your enemies strip him of his clothes and send him back to you. Now when he returns to you, thus insulted and outraged, would you not provide him with your best garments. And cover his shame with honor.

The ruler said, of course I would. But ^{2/26} has all of this to do with your case.

The missionary said, you may strip me of my earthly garments, of flesh, but I have a master who will clothe me with a splendor and will fit me with his presence

Shall I barter away my faith to save my garments. The ruler replied, you have conquered, go in peace. Yes, courage is fruitful.

I heard or read somewhere of a young Hindu who became a Christian and was censored by his family. When he refused to renounce Christ, he was legally cut off from his share of the large family fortune. Later, the brothers and sisters, fell to quarrelling over (his) share of the distribution of his share of the estate. Finally they came to him and asked him (if) he would arbitrate their differences and their reason for asking him being - they said, he was the only one that all of them would trust. Now that is a delicious story, isn't it. And it throws a little light on the fruitfulness of courage. Paul said, if you show courage, you are going to make it clear to your opponents. And you are also going to make it clear of their destruction. And it is going to be crystal clear about your salvation. V. 28.

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Third. fearless. This is the third and final thing about the anatomy of courage that we shall have time for. Paul in our text, says nothing frightened by your adversaries. Not frightened by your opponents. Don't let any fluttering of your opponents cause you any fright. Don't be terrified. The word - I guess the best way to describe it. You all know about football. Perhaps some of you are learning something about it. If you don't know something about it - then you might as well shut the picture box off. Because that is about all that is run right now. But here is what he is saying. It is like when you come up to the line in football. And what we call the left tailback, and when they move or they shift their positions - don't let it scare you.

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Lectures of Dr.
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Many times in football when there is a little shift like that in the back-field

it sort of sets off the other team with some fear that a secret thing is about to happen. Now Paul says, don't let that move or shift to cause you to be fearful.

✓ Another way to use this is like a horse going down the road and a piece of paper or something flutters out and the horse jumps clear across the road. Something unusual happens. Something rare. Now Paul says, don't let it frighten you. Don't let it put you off balance.

So Paul says, you are ~~supposed to be fearless~~. And this is going to be an evident token of a demonstration to your adversaries of their loss - that they are going to lose out.

And other things, it is going to demonstrate your salvation and your victory as well. And if you get that idea, then here is a tremendous truth for you. And you can have courage that will be fearless.

We need more of this kind of courage today. For example, as was published in the L. A. Times some time ago. A brief report that Paul Harvey gave on Ky. new death penalty law. He said in the U. S. we have a murder every 27 minutes. A rape every 10 minutes. A robbery every 82 seconds. And aggravated assault every 76 seconds. An automobile stolen every 30 seconds. And these are just the repeated crimes. He says, so it is now that honest people are locked up in their homes. Or places of business. Like we had a report in our own city this week. (One of the businesses in this city where they were locked in. They were frightened. They are fearful.) And the streets have become the exclusive right of the criminal. And he says, the most valuable part of this situation is that society is now blaming itself instead of

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the criminal. He says some of the state representatives have been visiting prisons. And seeing what we are doing to criminals. He questions, should they not visit the hospitals and homes, and the cemetaries - to see what criminals have done to us.

In no other nation, are the rights of wrong doers no matter how vicious - so jealousy protected. And the rights of the victims are trampled upon.

He says on every poster in the Post Office, there is included a long string of previous offenses. Those who have a career - he says. The odds are in 100 that the criminal will get caught, and 500-1 that he will go unpunished. He says does the death penalty deter crime. The evidence says that it does. Not one of the 162 killers executed in Ky. have killed anyone since. He pointed out that in Manatoba, Canada, a bank bandit killed a teller during a robbery on Tuesday. The bandit was captured - tried on Thursday. Sentenced on Friday, and executed the following Tuesday. And they never had another bank robbery for 20 years in the entire proviencie. He says the death penalty is not something we are deciding - it has been decided. And he says it has been abolished only for killers and kid-nappers. And he makes some very hard hitting things. Now it takes serious courage for a man to bring out such.

The other day I heard Anita Bryant give her testimony on a talk-show. And he quizzed her about her crusade against homosexuals in Fla. and other places. And she spoke very clearly about what the Bible says, and about what God says. And that is fearless courage. I am talking about the anatomy of courage now.

There was some words that were used some years back -- coming in on a wing and

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C. Roy Angel
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a prayer." It spoke of a man who led a squadron of planes on a bombing mission over Germany--and through the hail storm of flak, his plane was damaged and full of holes. He came in and he skidded as he landed. He limped into the office, and said - "mission accomplished, Sir." But we came in on a wing and a prayer." And then he dropped to the floor. They took him to the hospital. And in a few weeks, he recovered. But they repeated that message in the newspaper -- coming in on a wing and a prayer. The most touching thing about that report was, "mission accomplished, Sir." Fearless courage, that produced the accomplishment of that mission.

During the Revolutionary War, a British soldier, Officer dined with General Marion. The meal consisted of roasted sweet potatoes. The British officer frankly asked General Marion, if he and his forces did not get better food. No, said Marion, no better - but rather worse. For we do not get even enough of this. Then the officer said, you surely draw large pay. Not a cent, said Marion, then how on earth can you stand the life you are leading?

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And here is what the General replied, when the heart is deeply stirred, a man can do anything. Many a youth would think it hard to make himself a slave for 14 years, but let him love people such as a woman as Rachel - and he will think no more of 14 years of servitude than Jacob did. That is exactly my case - I am in love and my sweetheart is liberty! I will fight for my country and feed on roots - than to enjoy the luxuries of Solomon.

There is fidelity in difficulties, and there is fearlessness, because when that British officer returned to his headquarters, he came back to his superior officer and he looked very seriously. Has Washington defeated Sir. Henry Clinton. No Sir, not that. But worse has happened. Worse, demanded the officers. Yes, he said, I have seen

today an American General. His men were without pay, almost without clothes, living on roots, drinking water - all for liberty. I do now resign my position. For we have not a chance against such men. Yes, General Marion and his men had a cause. And they fearlessly fought the battles with their whole lives.

Our Saviour said, fear not them that can kill the body. After that, have they no more that they can do. But to fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Hell. So your treasures are not here upon this earth.

With fearless courage you can conquer these adversaries. And you can be victorious over them. If you will enlist in the Christian army.

Paul says, in all of these things, we are more than conquerors. Why? Because of his courage and because of his faith. Moses said to the children of Israel, the enemies you see today, ye shall see no more forever. And God said, the Lord is in the midst of you, you shall not see evil anymore. His victory is sure. Now this courage is not something that you can manufacture. But it is something that will help you to face the worst. And the Bible does not soft-pedal this. We either face life as a son of God or a son of Adam.

In conclusion, there are more appeals and demands that call for courage. We need to hold fast to the desk. Nothing is ever totally lost if your life is given to the best, to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do your most for him, in the battle for your Christ is King.

Prison Letters
Corrie Ten Boom
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In a little book entitled "Prison Letters", Corey Ten Boom reveals something of the great horrors of Raven Sbruck. Especially Betsy, who lost her life, and she said when she waked. She will arouse to the reality. When I did, and was able to see that all of the securities of the world were falling away. Then you realize like never before, what it means to have your (security) in Jesus. And she said it was not until December 28, 1944, when through a miracle "I was set free." Just one week before all the women my age and older were put to death. I was free, and I knew then as I know now, it was my chance to take to the world God's message of victory. In the midst of the deepest evil of man.

She tells us of the great courage she had to have. But now, of the courage which sustains her. She said of beautiful Betsy, who died in the prison, who wrote "The Lord leads me every minute and second, that gives me courage. Now that I have to wait and wait, I am longing so much for you and freedom and for work." That is courage. And it ought to give courage today to each of us.

How much courage is required, how much courage do you have.

Think about it. How much courage did it require for the Jesus camp to go forward without bearing reproach. If you follow your Lord Jesus through all of the opposition, as he faces the adversaries, as he marches steadfastly on his way to the cross. That is a real challenge. And as you put his courage into yours, the Lord is the strength of my heart. Of whom shall I be afraid. For when hosts shall encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though wars should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

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- Deny yourself & Follow Me - No matter what others do -