

A DIFFERENT YEAR

Part 3: The Courage to Continue

IF IT WAS EASY EVERYONE WOULD DO IT

- Courage is required...
 1. When it's not convenient
 2. When it's not comfortable
 3. When there is conflict
- Our walk with the Lord requires courage **(1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NKJ)**
 1. Good reasons that military / athletic metaphors are used
 2. We need to be brave for a reason - not everything will be easy

WHEN ONE MOTHER'S COURAGE INSPIRED A KING **(2 Samuel 21:8-11 & 13 NKJ)**

- Rizpah was not in any kind of advantageous position
 1. She did not have the rights of marriage
 2. Her protector / provider Saul, was dead
- She took on an extremely hard job
 1. Not allowing the bodies of her sons to be desecrated
 2. Uncomfortable and dangerous
 3. Compelled by love for her sons
- Her courage and commitment motivated David to act
 1. He finally gave Saul and Jonathan a proper burial
 2. He also removed the bones of the seven fallen men - Rizpah's sons

DEVELOPING THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE

- The bigger the purpose the better the motivation
 1. We all need a purpose bigger than just ourselves
 2. A desire to make a difference is a strong purpose - love motivated
 3. A big purpose is what gave Jesus the courage to continue **(Hebrews 12:2 NKJ)**
- Have the right mindset ahead of time
 1. Not trying to see if it works out
 2. Be willing to push past quitting points
 3. There is a Christ like mindset we can adopt **(1 Peter 4:1 NKJ)**
- Your courage to continue can inspire others, honor God and bless your life
 1. It strengthens others to see you continue - they can do it also
 2. There are benefits to not quitting **(Galatians 6:9 NKJ)**