

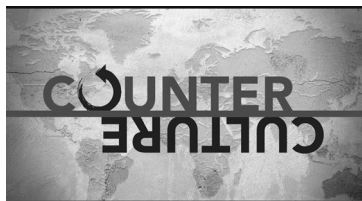
GRACE NOTES

Series: Counter Culture

Message: **Living with Courage**

Scripture: Daniel 3:1-18

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2015



What this world needs is real courage, men and women and teens, who face their fears with faith and stand for what is right even if they have to stand alone.

We must choose courage.

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Be on your guard

Stand firm in the faith

Be courageous

This is what the world desperately needs to see today - Followers of Jesus who are aware that they belong to another kingdom, who are deeply rooted in their faith, and who display strength and courage by standing for what is true and right.

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.” (John 15:18-21)

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

For us to stand with courage, Jesus must increasingly become everything to us.

STUDY NOTES

Describe a time when you saw a courageous act.

When you think of the word courageous, what person from the Bible comes to mind? Why?

Thinking back to Sunday’s message - What challenged you, encouraged you, or caused you to change the way you think or act?

Read **Numbers 13:1-2, 17-25**.

What is taking place in these verses?

Read **Numbers 13:26-33**.

What was the majority report from the ten spies?

How did Joshua’s and Caleb’s report differ from the other ten?

How did they come to such different outcomes?

Read Joshua 14:6-12.

How many years have passed since the spies first investigated the land?

What does Caleb ask for?

What is significant about the Anakites?

How do Joshua and Caleb provide examples of courage for us? (See Deuteronomy 9:1-2)

Read **Joshua 1:6 & 9**.

What are the reasons God gives that Joshua can be strong and courageous?

Do these reasons still hold true for us today?

How is courage a choice?

How can you help others choose to be courageous?