

3. THE _____ OF COURAGE

A. The _____ of Faith

FAITH IN CHRIST

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:5-7)

JUSTIFICATION THROUGH CHRIST

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1)

B. The _____ of Faith

THE PERSON OF CHRIST

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13)

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;” (Philippians 3:10)

THE PLACE OF CHRIST

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” (John 14:1-2)

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

CONCLUSION

Quote: “It is important to start right, but it is imperative to end well.”



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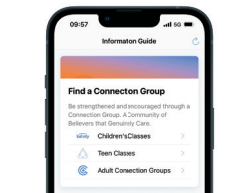
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COURAGEOUS IN THE RACE

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Text: Philippians 3:12–14

“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12–14)

INTRODUCTION

1. THE _____ OF COURAGE (v. 12)

A. Requires _____

B. Requires _____

PASSION TO BEGIN

“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.” (1 Corinthians 9:24)

PASSION TO REMAIN

“And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things...” (1 Corinthians 9:25a)

“...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,” (Hebrews 12:1b)

THREE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

“But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.” (1 Timothy 4:7)

1. Exercising in Prayer

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2)

2. Exercising in Bible Study and Reading

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

3. Exercising in Service

“Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.” (Ephesians 6:6–7)

PASSION TO FINISH

“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all” (1 Corinthians 9:24)

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.” (Psalm 37:23–24)

“For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.” (Proverbs 24:16)

2. THE _____ OF COURAGE (v. 13)

A. _____ What Is Behind

“I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind...” (Philippians 3:13a)

“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;” (Philippians 3:8–10)

B. _____ on the Finish Line

“...and reaching forth unto those things which are before.” (Philippians 3:13b)

RUN WITH PURPOSE

“I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:” (1 Corinthians 9:26)

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:16–17)

FOCUS ON THE PRIZE

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

“And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” (Matthew 14:29–31)