**COURAGE 7: COURAGE TO MAKE MISTAKES** 2019-06-30

**PROVERBS 24:16(NKJV)** For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again

* Fear of failure can paralyse us into tragic inaction
* The Christian band DCTalk sang a song with lyrics that went:

“What if I stumble, what if I fall? What if I lose my step and I make fools of us all? Will the love continue when my walk becomes a crawl? What if I stumble, and what if I fall?”

* The answer to the love question DC Talk asks in their song, is a resounding YES!!! God’s love will never fail us:

**ROMANS 8:38-39(NKJV)** “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”

**NLTSE** “And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

* The authority required to overcome fear of failure is given by The Holy Spirit.
* He gives Godly ***boldness*** which is in total contrast to fleshly arrogance
* Let’s just start, with the very simple task of speaking the things of God. Either to individuals or to crowds of people.

**LUKE 12:11-12(NKJV)** “Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will ***teach*** you in that ***very hour*** what you ought to say.”

* Teach: this is a process
* Very hour: the critical moment you need it most. You might not have an idea in your mind what to say, when telling others about Jesus but The Holy Spirit knows exactly what He wants to say.
* We just need to be available and speak in faith

**ACTS 4:13(NKJV)**“Now when they saw the ***boldness*** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were ***uneducated and untrained*** men, they marveled. And they realized that they had ***been with Jesus***.

* Uneducated, untrained: training and education is good, but nothing compares to intimacy with Jesus

**ACTS 4:29(NKJV)** Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all ***boldness*** they may speak Your word,

**ACTS 4:31(NKJV)** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with ***boldness***.”

* Now let’s progress to the concept of laying on of hands and praying for healing:

**MARK 16:17-18(NLTSE)** “These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.”

* The Bible does NOT teach that every person, will always be healed, every time they’re prayed for, by whoever and whenever, regardless of the circumstances.
* BUT, we must still be obedient and do what Jesus Christ has commissioned us to do!
* Don’t fear making a mistake, or the healing/miracle not taking place. That’s not our responsibility, it’s God’s
* The expectation is on God for the miracle, not you
* Our mustard seed of faith may be small, but our small faith is in a ***BIG GOD!!!!!!!!!!!!***
* It’s been said that God won’t give us His power, till we have Jesus’ character. But how will disobeying Jesus’ commands, ever develop His character in us?
* Jesus has already told us what to do, so let’s just ***DO IT!!!!!!***
* Apostles commissioned:

**MATTHEW 10:8(NLTSE)** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

**LUKE 9:2(NLTSE)** Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the ***Kingdom of God*** and to heal the sick

* Disciples commissioned:

**LUKE 10:9(NLTSE)** Heal the sick, and tell them, “The Kingdom of God is near you now”

* It’s OK to make mistakes, as we learn to walk by faith. God promises to fulfill His word:

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:4** And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power

* Faith simply means seeing things the way God does:

**HEBREWS 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

* If your faith is small, remember God is big
* It’s not the size of your faith that counts, it’s the size of the God you believe in.

**CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What are the effects that fear has on people?
2. How can we overcome fear of failure, when faced with command of Jesus in Matthew 10:8?
3. What’s stopping you, from going out, testifying about Jesus, laying hands on people and praying for them?
4. Pray for each other in the care group, to receive a fresh infilling of The Holy Spirit, for boldness to minister like Jesus did.