

COURAGE 2: CAN YOU KEEP YOUR WORD?

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Theme: **COURAGE**

1 CHRONICLES 28:20(NLTSE) “Be strong and courageous, and do the work.

- What role does truth play in the world today?

- **DENZEL VIDEO CLIP**

- Can you keep your word?
- Can you be trusted to tell the truth?
- There’s no difference between a liar and someone who doesn’t keep their word, because neither tell the truth.

MARK 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

- God’s word is his bond
- Those who are sceptical of Jesus and His gospel, will trust God more easily, if they feel we can be trusted.
- Why would anybody want to trust a God they can’t see, to keep His word, when those who say they represent Him, don’t keep theirs?
- How can they trust us, if we can't keep our word?
- Business men, can your word be trusted?
- A man's name is only as good as his reputation and his reputation is only as good as his word.
- Our word, had better be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth
- When seeking the truth, make sure you love it first otherwise, you won't know what to do with it and you'll reject it or try and kill it (Pilot and his wife)

MATTHEW 27:19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.

- Pontius pilot was looking for the truth, but because he was not ready for the truth, he let Jesus be killed at the hands of the people
- Have you kept the silent word, you’ve spoken in your heart to God?
- You “promised” that you’d do X,Y,Z and you haven’t yet

PROVERBS 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

GENESIS 11:3-6(NLTSE) “They began saying to each other, “Let’s make bricks and harden them with fire.” (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.” But the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. “Look!” he said. “The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them!”

- This passage about the tower of Babel, serves as a powerful lesson about the power of our thoughts and words
- The people had only spoken about building the tower and God came down to check things out and stop them.
- When we honour God with our word and His Word, He'll literally move heaven and earth for us. He did this with Joshua (**JOSHUA 3:16, 10:12**)

The very reason people say: "I promise you" is because so many of us are liars!!

MATTHEW 5:37 But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No." For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

JAMES 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

- We must seek the truth and when we find it, we must love the truth:

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12 verse 10 of this passage in the NKJV, speaks of the love of the truth.

- Jesus kept His word in the garden of Gethsemane:

MATTHEW 26:39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

- As children of God, we must keep our word

CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why do people say; "I promise I will do....." Why emphasize the statement with a promise?
2. Why does not keeping your word, amount to lying?
3. How truthful are you in keeping your word?