

It often takes courage to stand up and be counted for Christ. It could be in school, on the job, in neighborhoods, in public or in private settings. The risk of political chips, reputation, or financial gain might give way to second thoughts or even denial. So, what does it take to be courageous for the cause of Christ? Who do you know that has laid it all on the line to see people come to Christ, regardless of the cost? What are you doing to be ready to speak up for Jesus? Why do we need to do anything to be so ready?

The courageous:

- ***Commit to a vision (vs. 1-6)***

- ***Count the cost (vs. 7-14)***

- ***Involve others (vs. 15-16)***

Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. Recall an “action” or “horror” movie that really got a strong response from you.
2. It was suggested that courage is “standing ones ground and doing right regardless of fears and consequences,” (Keller: The songs of Jesus for October 12). When have you found yourself called upon to be courageous in that way?
3. The Keller’s [above] continue with the question, “Where does courage come from? Primarily it comes from wanting something more than your own safety.” What do you think God wants you to do regarding the work and reputation of Christ regardless of your self-interests or safety?
4. What are you trying to do to always be ready to live for Christ regardless of the cost?



Be Courageous

Acts 21:1-16

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