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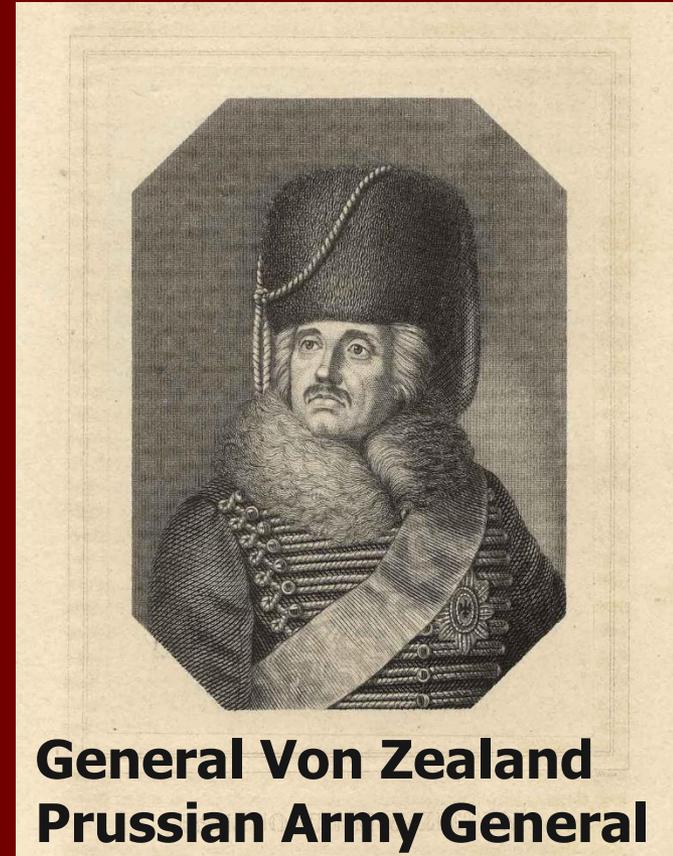
Neal Parker

Prussian King Fredrick the Great



Examples of Courageous Christians

“ Sire, you know I have not feared death. I have fought and won 38 battles for you. I am an old man; I shall soon have to go into the presence of One greater than you, the mighty God who saved me from my sin, the Lord Jesus Christ whom you are blaspheming. I salute you, sire, as an old man who loves his Savior, on the edge of eternity.”



**General Von Zeeland
Prussian Army General**

Courageous Christians

- One of the required Character Qualities in any leaders is Courage.
 - Spiritual
 - Moral
 - Physical
- It is needed in every Christians life
 - Follow and Persist in the Will of God
 - Mark of Maturity
 - Consistently Evident

Examples of Courageous Christians

■ Joseph of Arimathea: Gained Courage / As Growing in Knowledge

- Mark 15:43
- Matthew 27:57
- Luke 23:51
- John 19:38



Examples of Courageous Christians

- **Joseph of Arimathea: Evidence of Christian Courage – “Gathered up his courage” / Greek – “*Tolmao*” – “To dare, have courage, be bold, be brave enough”**
 - Not Related To Jesus
 - Request a favor / Jesus was executed for treason
 - Risked ceremonial defilement with dead body
 - Confession of loyalty / Associates’ hostility

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■ Jesus Christ: Epitome of Courage

- Maturity and Leadership

- Followed the Will of God in the face of the greatest hostility and antagonism.

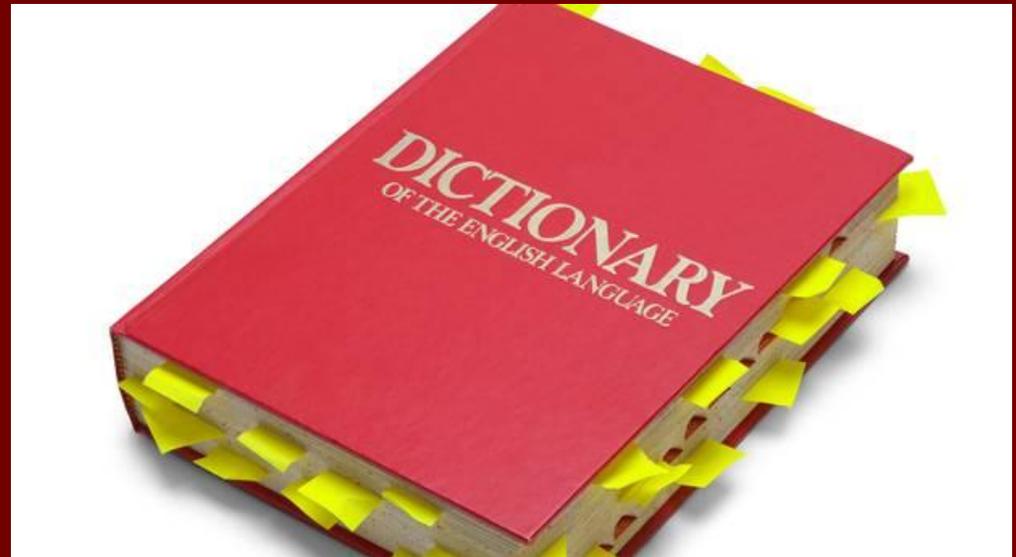
■ John 12:27-28

- Jesus drew His courage from His faith in His purpose and in what the Father had promised to do.

Courage: Quality of the Heart

■ Dictionary Definition

- Mental or moral strength to venture, persevere and withstand danger, fear or difficulty



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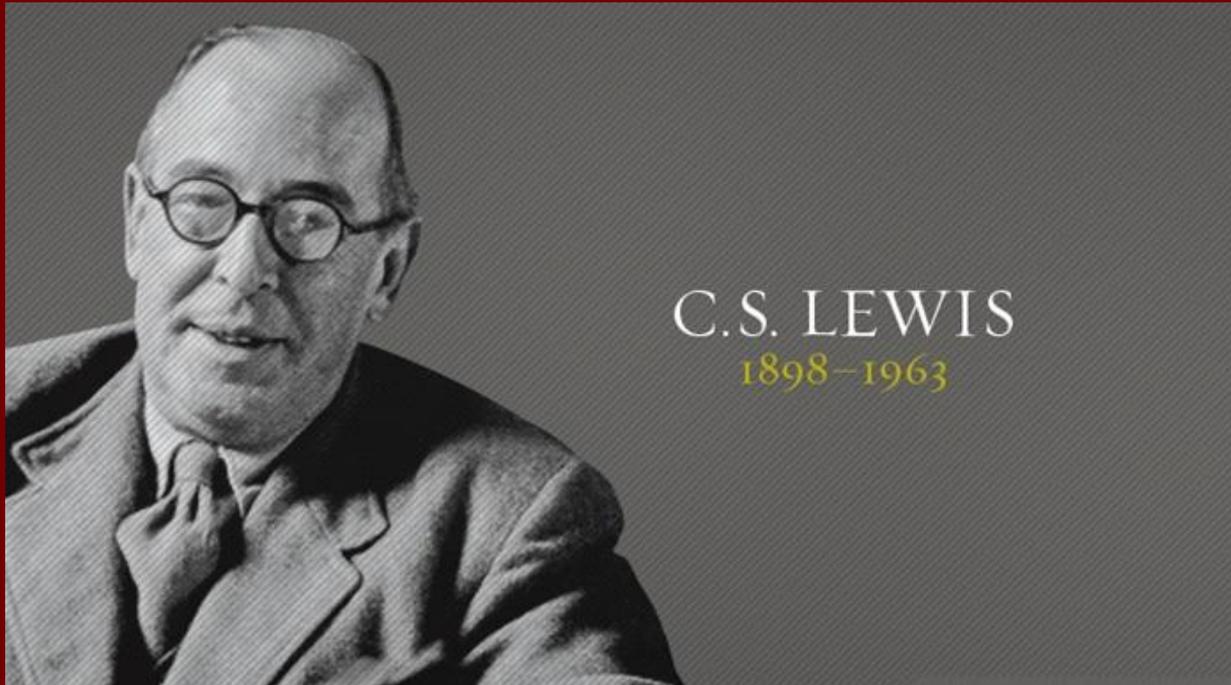
■ “Reality Definition”

– Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway.



Courage: Quality of the Heart

“Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue, at the testing point, which means, at the point of highest reality .”



What Does The Bible Say About Courage?

■ Romans 5:3-5

– Good courage always relies upon the power of God to strengthen and motivate believers to be courageous children of God

■ James 1:19-27

■ I John 2:15-16



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- **Psalm 27:14 / Psalm 31:24**
 - **Strength in heart from waiting and trusting in the Lord**
- **Deuteronomy 1:38; 3:28**
- **Acts 28:15**
- **Hebrews 10:24**

Application: Biblical Examples of Courage

■ Be courageous!

– Whether facing pressure to do things outside of God's Law or being lured by pressure from:

- Societal Leaders
- Religious Leaders
- Superiors
- Families / Peers
- Own Desires