



## Day 5: COURAGE TO OVERCOME

### Scripture Reading:

Judges 6:11-16 (ESV)

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

Psalms 91:1-16 (ESV)

### Observation:

I stood on the steps of the fire building and asked myself, “What am I doing?” I accepted the position of fire fighter in the city where I lived. Now was the time to put my words into action. I spent weeks training and gaining the knowledge of how to fight fire. Even with all my training, fear began to take over as I stood at the door of the burning building. I could find all the excuses in the world not to go in, but only one reason to move forward. I went inside because I wanted to be a man of my word. In accepting the position with the Fire Department, I took an oath that I would indeed fulfill the requirements of the position and that meant going into burning buildings.

Fear can be a debilitating emotion that keeps us from having the courage to overcome. In the scripture passage from Judges, Gideon is hiding in the wheat press and being visited by an angel of the Lord. Gideon is called a valiant warrior of the Lord, and yet, he has done nothing up to this point. Gideon goes on to answer the call that God placed upon his life. God is asking you to do the same. Men are called to be His Warriors, but sometimes fear steps in the way. The scripture from Isaiah and Psalms gives us the courage to overcome our fears.

### Application:

- What do you fear most in following where Christ is calling you to lead?
- How do the verses in Isaiah give you the courage to overcome your fear?

- What steps can you take in your life to allow God to give you the courage to face your fear and begin to lead as His Warrior?

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