



Day 21: COURAGE TO BE A MAN

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 1:1-2 (ESV)

Psalm 37:23-24 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV)

Observation:

Jesus did not give His life for others until He went to the Cross in His thirties. Since His birth, He had one purpose, to live till death for others. That is what it means to be a man. It can be confusing when you try to figure out what a man is supposed to be. What does it mean to act like a man? When you think of a man consider these following comments:

"A real man is one who rejects passivity, accepts responsibility, leads courageously, and expects the greater reward, God's reward." Dr. Robert Lewis

"Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergyman or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon the earth." John Wesley

"Where are the men with a moral vision for their families, a zeal for the house of the Lord, a magnificent commitment to the advancement of the kingdom, an articulate dream for the mission of the church and a tenderhearted tenacity to make it real?" John Piper

"God can show Himself as He really is only to real men. And that means not simply to men who are individually good, but to men who are united together in a body, loving one another, helping one another, showing Him to one another. For that is what God meant humanity to be like; like players in one band, or organs in one body." C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*¹

¹ WACMM. "Quotes about Men, Faith and Biblical Manhood," <http://www.wacmm.org/quotes.html> (Accessed October 17, 2017).

Application:

- Describe the courage needed for you to be a man of Christ in your world?

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in giving you the courage to be the man God has called you to be?

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