A Case for Courage

Hebrews 4:14-16
Introduction

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  – Abraham, Moses
  – Deborah, Gideon
  – King David, King Jehoshaphat
  – The apostles, faith Christians
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• Bible study reveals a strong case for Christians of today to be courageous.

• While we are to be meek, we are also to be strong. While we are to be gentle, we are also to be courageous.
Courage Comes from Trust

• The righteous are as “bold as lions.”
  \textit{Prov 28:1}
   
   – Bold = to trust, to trust in, to have confidence in, be bold, be secure.
   
   – Boldness comes from one’s trust in the Lord.

• Fear of the Lord enables trust.
  \textit{Prov 14:26-27}

• We can boldly say the Lord is our helper.
  \textit{Heb 13:5-6}
Courage Comes from Faith

• Stand fast in faith allows one to be strong. *1 Cor 16:13*

• Through faith in Jesus, we have “boldness and access with confidence.” *Eph 3:10-12*
Courage Comes from Jesus

• Having a High Priest as Jesus Christ, we can come “boldly to the throne of grace.”
  *Heb 4:15-16*

• The blood of Jesus allows us to have “boldness to enter the Holiest.”
  *Heb 10:19-23*

• Abiding in the Lord will enable a Christian to have confidence when the Lord appears.
  *1 John 2:28-29; 4:17-18*
Conclusion

• Courage enables us to “be strong in the Lord.” *Eph 6:10-13*
  – If we are going to stand up for the gospel, then we must have courage.
  – If we are going to overcome sin, then we must have courage.
  – If we are going to live a life of faithfulness, then we must have courage.