

Introduction: Courage or Cowardice?

Why do we do what we do?

Courage: The ability, regardless of fear, danger, or difficulty, to do or say something that's right, or good, or of help.

Synonyms: brave, daring, heroic

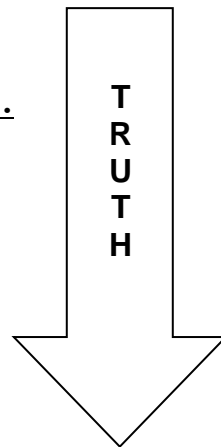
Example: A person who acts in accordance with one's beliefs, especially in spite of danger or criticism.

Cowardice: The inability, due to fear and excessive self-concern, to do or say something that's right, or good, or of help.

Synonyms: weakling, milksop, namby-pamby

Example: A person who refuses to risk personal health or safety when faced with a decision or need.

"I was born for this purpose...
to testify to the truth."



"Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

Jesus of Nazareth – John 18: 37

The testimonies from John 18:

- Jesus' arrest John 18:1-11

- Jesus before Annas John 18:12-14

- Peter before the servant girl John 18:15-18

- Jesus before the High Priest John 18:19-24

- Peter's 2nd and 3rd denials John 18:25-27

- Jesus before Pilate John 18:28-40

The lessons from John 18:

1. Question: What kept Judas and Annas from listening to the truth in Jesus?

Answer: _____

2. Question: What kept the religious leaders from listening to the truth in Jesus?

Answer: _____, _____, & _____

3. Question: What kept Peter and Pilate from listening to the truth in Jesus?

Answer: _____

4. Question: What empowered Peter to listen to the truth in Jesus initially?

Answer: Jesus' _____ and _____

Discussion Questions:

1. What empowered the early Church to boldly testify of the truth in Jesus?
2. What hinders your testimony for Jesus? Explain
 - Greed...
 - Pride...
 - Power...
 - Social position...
 - Fear...
3. What specifically could you do this week to experience Jesus' presence and power in order to boldly testify?
4. Who might you ask to help you with this "next step" to experience Christ's presence and power in your life?