





Taking Courage in Times of Testing

Mark 15:42-47



Joseph of Arimathea

- Member of Sanhedrin (Mk 15:43)
- Rich man (Mt 27:57)
- Good and righteous man (Lk 23:50)
- Secret disciple of Jesus (Jn 19:38)
- Afraid of the Jews (Jn 19:38)

Courage

- “To dare to do something terrible or difficult”

What Joseph Had to Lose

- His wealth
- His position
- His plans
- His reputation
- His comfort

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2 Cor 5:6-9

- So we are always of good **courage**. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good **courage**, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Phil 1:20-22

as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full **courage** now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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Ps. 27:14

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be strong, and let your heart
take **courage**;
wait for the Lord !

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