

DAILY READING: COURAGE IN TRIALS

When I am experiencing difficulties, I can trust God to use these experiences for my good. I choose to live in courageous joy even when suffering. I acknowledge pain when I suffer. I do not pretend to be happy but with courageous joy I can be confident nothing will separate me from the love of my Heavenly Father. I do not look for trials but I am willing to participate in the trials God allows in my life. I trust God has a purpose and He will give me strength to endure (*continue*). I trust I will benefit from enduring trials by becoming more like Jesus. Tragedies of life may test my faith but with the help of the Holy Spirit I will endure with courageous joy and my faith will grow stronger.

DAILY STUDY: COURAGE IN TRIALS

DAY 1: Fine-Tuned through Trials –

1 Peter 1:3-7 (page 1228);
Genesis 22:1-12 (page 22)

DAY 2: Comfort That Abounds –

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (page 1144);
Psalm 71:20-24 (page 569)

DAY 3: Restoration (*bringing back to*

a previous position or condition) after
Hardship – 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 (page 1146); Psalm 66:10-12
(page 565)

DAY 4: Firm Foundations Remain – Luke 6:47-49 (page 1011);

Proverbs 10:25 (page 625)

DAY 5: God Stays and Sustains – Mark 4:35-41 (page 981);

Deuteronomy 31:6 (page 206)

Grand Canyon

Tightrope Walking

In 2013, Nik Wallenda crossed the Grand Canyon walking on a tightrope. He had a lot of courage being 1,500 feet up from the bottom of the canyon. It took him 23 minutes to walk all the way across and he had to hold a 45-pound bar while he did it.

DAY 6: Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled – John 14:1-7
(page 1059); Psalm 116:3-9 (page 597)

DAY 7: Courage and Hope – John 16:31-33 (page 1062);
Romans 5:3-5 (page 1111); Proverbs 29:25 (page 642)

**Take time to learn the memory verse
and have fun doing the activity.**

ACTIVITY: He Gives Courage

God is the giver of courage. We do not need to be afraid though sometimes we are. His Word reminds us we can trust Him to be with us and make a way for us in trials. Deuteronomy 31:6 (page 206) is a great reminder that God never abandons us and gives us courage. Make a poster with this verse written on it. Say this verse as a prayer to God every day and thank Him for taking care of you. When you pray this verse insert whatever trial it is you are facing. God is with you no matter what.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Poster board or paper
- Markers
- Other items to decorate (optional)

STEPS:

1. Write this verse in large, bold letters on your poster:

“So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

2. Optional: decorate poster

3. Hang this poster where you can see it every day. Make it into a prayer each day this week.

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 12:2

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.” Hebrews 12:2