**Things you need – Holy courage**

John 16:33

**Focal Truth: Believers need courage to live in this world**

John 16:33 – these things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world

Courage = Greek word: to be of good cheer

Courage = English definition: not deterred by danger or pain

*Courage is the mental condition of cheerful determination in spite of danger or pain*

***Observations***

1. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ have been given in the world for believer’s encouragement– “these things I have spoken to you…”
2. John 14:3 – If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
3. John 14:6 – I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but by Me
4. John 14:13 – whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son
5. John 14:23 – if anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.
6. John 15:2 – Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.
7. John 15:12 – this is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
8. John 15:18 – if the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.
9. John 16:7 – I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you.
10. John 16:24 – until now you have asked for nothing in My name, ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.
11. Courage rises from peaceful assurance in the words of the Lord Jesus Christ – “so that in Me you may have peace…”
12. Matt. 9:2 – they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When He saw their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, take courage, son, your sins are forgiven
13. Matt. 9:22 – but Jesus turning and seeing her said, daughter, take courage, your faith has made you whole. At once the woman was made well.
14. Matt. 14:27 – but immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, take courage, it is I do not be afraid.
15. Courage stands in a world of constant tribulations – “in the world you will have tribulation...”
16. Rom. 5:3 – we exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance…
17. Rom. 8:35 – who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation or distress or persecution, or famine or nakedness or peril, or sword?
18. Rom. 12:12 – rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer
19. Acts 20:24 – I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God
20. Courage remains because Jesus Christ has overcome the world – “take courage I have overcome the world.”
21. By His death for sin
22. By His resurrection over the power of death
23. By His ascension as Lord of all
24. By His intercession in heaven for His people
25. Acts 23:11 - but on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, take courage, for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.

 Justin Martyr said to his murderers, “you may kill us, but you can never hurt us”

**Things to remember**

1. Courage demonstrates faith in God’s promises – Heb. 11:34 - they quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight…
2. Courage is a holy quietness persuaded that God will protect us – Isa. 26:3 – you will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is focused on You, because He trusts in You.
3. Courage is holy confidence to stand for God against the pressures of the world – Acts 4:13 – as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus
4. Courage grows when you see the courage of others – Phil. 1:14 – most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear
5. Courage stands up to the evil one who seeks to steal, kill and destroy – Eph. 6:11 – put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil
6. Courage is strengthened because we overcome through the Lord Jesus Christ the Overcomer of all things!

**Daily Use**

1. Live on the precious promises of the Lord Jesus Christ
2. Rejoice and be of good cheer whatever you are facing! – Ps. 31:24 – Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord
3. Stand up and stand strong in the Lord – Col. 4:12 – that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God
4. Overcome by your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ