

COURAGE IN CONFLICT

Scriptures to read before starting:

Deuteronomy 30th chapter, Genesis 13th Chapter Jeremiah 1:4-10; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18; John 16th Chapter

Conflict is a vital part of life. Without turbulence a plane cannot fly, without gravity human muscles cannot stay strong, without resistance microchips cannot function, it takes courage to stand up in the face of conflict....But God has called us to do so.....Let Us find the courage!

Round 1- Blessing vs. Curse (Deuteronomy 30)

What is the difference between the Blessing & the Curse?

List 4 Things that we must do in order to "Choose life"?

Why does it take courage to do the things you listed above?

Round 2- East vs. West (Genesis 13)

Where did Abram go after he left Egypt? (Verse 1-4)

What are the differences between the choices that Lot made in vs. 10 and Abram in verses 3 & 4?



Round 3- Fear vs. Obedience (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

In verse 8, we find The Lord sending Jeremiah into a conflict that he would need to be delivered from. How did God prepare Jeremiah for the conflict?

What was Jeremiah's excuse for not going into the conflict? Are his excuses understandable?

Name some tough experiences that you have faced while doing the will of God?

Name some things that you need to confront in order to continue to move forward in The Lord?



Round 4- Past vs. Future (2 Corinthians 4:1-18)

In verse 1, we see the phrase "Not Fainting", Why is being "spiritually conditioned" important in ministry?

How can living by The Word, renouncing darkness, & manifesting the truth cause fatigue?

In verses 3-7 there is a contrast between darkness & light; how does the light shine while people are in darkness?

In verses 8-9 How can we be surrounded by trouble but not be stressed out?

Why shouldn't distress & despair be a part of our lives?

Why do we need courage to face persecution?





Can verses 8-9 be experienced without conflict?



In verse 10, how can our “dying” lead to the manifestation of life in our body?



After reading verse 11, name some ways in which we are always delivered unto death?



In verse 12, Paul transitions from addressing individuals to addressing of the community. Give some examples of how your individual victories in the midst of conflict can help bring life to others in the body of Christ?



(Verse 16) What is the reward for being courageous and fighting through conflict?



(Verse 17-18) How are we supposed to view the various conflicts that we will face in life?



Round 5- Pain vs. Joy (John 16: 20-33)



In verses 20-24, what is the connection between sorrow and joy? And why this verse important for believers to understand?



In verse 32, how do you think The Lord Jesus Christ felt while he said the words “and shall leave me alone”? How can this help you to deal with the pain of broken relationships & loneliness?



In verse 33, how can we have peace when we experience turbulence in our lives & see tribulation in the world around us? Why is this verse so important to the Gospel message?



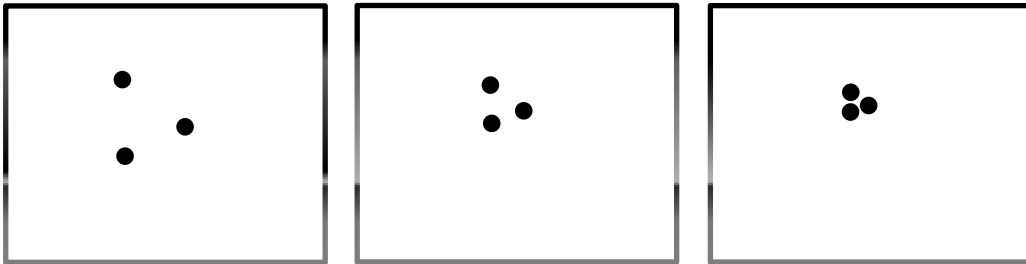


Summary

Take a few moments to look at each round of Scriptures, write down some of the things that you have learned from each round.

Creative Focus

Draw a triangle, circle, and square in each box. Use each dot as your center point for each shape. Try to make sure that the shapes you draw do not touch.



Explain the difference in difficulty drawing shapes in each box. How does this relate to life and having courage during a conflict?

Living in Obedience

Write down 3 situations or tasks that you have been avoiding because of a fear of conflict or fear of running into difficulty. Make a decision this week to face them and write down the result of each situation.

1.

2.

3.



Prayer and Meditation

(Psalm 69) Lord Jesus, Deliver us and save us from fear of conflict. Even though the water rose up to our necks, help us to have the courage to press forward. Our enemies want to destroy us, and we have been crying for Your help! O’ Lord you know our sins and you know our insecurities, and we will seek your face because we know that You hear our prayer. Have mercy on us; we are poor and we need your grace. We praise your name O’ Lord God and we magnify you; thanking you for your goodness! Let Heaven and Earth praise You Lord for you are great! We pray in The Mighty Name of the Lord Jesus who is the Christ.