

God's Blueprint for the Church: Part 2

Courageous Faith

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I can respond *courageously* to those who a c c u s e me by:

- Maintaining i n t e g r i t y – having a good c o n s c i e n c e toward God (Acts 22:30-23:1)
- Demonstrating h u m i l i t y – admitting when I am w r o n g (Acts 23:2-5)
- Speaking t r u t h f u l l y – testifying of the r e a l i t y of Jesus (Acts 23:6-9)
- Standing c o n f i d e n t l y – b e l i e v i n g God's word (Acts 23:10-11)

Living *courageously* means knowing that:

- There will always be s o m e who will seek my d e s t r u c t i o n (Acts 23:12-15)
- God is able to e x p o s e their w i c k e d n e s s (Acts 23:16-22)
- God is able to i n t e r v e n e to f u l f i l l His word (Acts 23:23-35)

Getting personal....

Which area do I struggle the most with – my integrity, humility, my testimony, or my confidence in God? What is one thing I can do this week to grow in that area? _____

What is one lesson I learned and can apply to my life from the way the apostle Paul responded to those who hated him? _____

The Lord told Paul to “take courage” in verse 11. For what do I need courage today? _____

How confident am I that God is working to fulfill His will in my life? Am I confident that God is at work in my life as I follow Him and do what He has revealed I am to do? Discuss. _____

