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## COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP

*Deuteronomy 31:6*

We can live by default or live by design. Let's choose to live by the Lord's design by recognizing 3 things:

1. None can destroy iron, but its own rust! In the same way, none can destroy a person, but his own mindset. So be careful about your own thoughts.
2. The Ups and Downs in life are important to keep us going, because even a straight line in an ECG means we are not alive.
3. The same boiling water that hardens the eggs will soften the potatoes. Watch your responses.

I believe we will be given tremendous opportunities by the LORD. Let us "buy up" the opportunities to serve Him (Ephesians 5:16). We can do this by exercising courageous leadership. John Maxwell gives valuable insight to exercising courageous leadership. Courageous leadership simply means I've developed:

1. Convictions that are stronger than my fears
2. Vision that is clearer than my doubts
3. Spiritual sensitivity that is louder than popular opinions
4. Self-esteem that is deeper than self-protection
5. Appreciation for discipline that is greater than my desire for leisure
6. Dissatisfaction that is more forceful than the status quo
7. Poise that is more unshakeable than panic
8. Risk-taking that is stronger than safe-keeping
9. Actions that are more robust than rationalization
10. A desire to see potential reached more than to see people pleased

You don't have to be great to be courageous. You just have to want to fulfil God's purpose for your life – and be willing to trade what seems good in the moment for **what's best for your future**. And that's something we all need to do this year.

I encourage you to be a blessing this year. Pray that the LORD will open your eyes to His divine appointments and His Holy Spirit will give you wisdom to minister courageous and effectively. Be prepared **God has a surprise for you**.