

# BE COURAGEOUS

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Daniel 1:8

In the fiery furnace, in the lion's den, and before kings Daniel stood firm with courage. This is because he **purposed** in his heart to stand firm with for the LORD courageously.

When lions hunt, the old ones roar while the young lie in wait. The prey, frightened by the roar, runs straight into the ambush. The lesson? Don't run **from** the roar—run **toward** it! Face what you fear most and conquer it. It's time to ROAR! Remember, **the path to your greatest potential is through your greatest fears.**

Here are five ways to grow your courage:

1. **See courage as foundational to being a Christian.**  
Life is shaped by choices—moral, relational, financial, vocational. Daniel made hard but right choices rooted in his biblical values. (Deuteronomy 30:19). Without courage, your destiny remains out of reach. So, run toward the roar of your life!
2. **Face your fears head on.**  
Every missed opportunity due to fear adds another brick to the wall blocking your destiny. God told Joshua repeatedly, "Do not fear; be strong and very courageous." (Joshua 1:9). You will discover God would ask you to do what terrifies you. Run toward the roar—the thing you fear most!
3. **Surround yourself with good role models.**  
Daniel and his friends shared a courageous, God-fearing spirit. *"Our God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, but even if He doesn't, we will still not bow down to the golden idol."* (Daniel 3:17–18) Surround yourself with the courageous. Let their faith inspire yours. Run toward the roar—the thing you fear most!
4. **Know you have a covenant relationship with God almighty.**  
*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13). The LORD commands, empowers, and blesses. What a covenant! *"The wicked flee... but the righteous are bold as a lion."* (Proverbs 28:1) Run toward the roar—the thing you fear most!
5. **Let the fear of God be your biggest fear, the roar of your life!**  
*"Do not fear their threats... Let the LORD be your fear."* (Isaiah 8:12–13). One fear always outweighs the other. Choose the fear of God. *"The LORD goes forth like a mighty man... He cries out, yes, He roars!"* (Isaiah 42:13). Warriors shout to terrify the enemy and to stir courage within.

It's time for God's lions to ROAR—united across generations. The wisdom of the old and the strength of the young must rise together. It's time to take back our homes, schools, businesses, and nation. **Therefore, be courageous and run toward the ROAR in your life—the thing you fear most—and conquer!**

## Making It Personal:

1. **Insight** – What is ONE new insight the Holy Spirit has given me?
2. **Conviction** – Something pierced my heart or convicted me? Take action now!
3. **Share** – Received something I want to share with someone else?