

# Furnace Faith

“Be Strong & Courageous”

- Introduction:
1. God calls his followers to be strong and courageous.
  2. But when can we get the chance to do that?
  3. How can we demonstrate “courageous living” in a permissive society?
  4. Let’s examine that question this morning.

## I. Examples of Great Courageous Living

- A. (Daniel 3:1-30).
- B. (Daniel 6:1-28).
- C. (Revelation 2:13).
- D. (Joshua 1:5,6,7,9,18).

## II. God Calls Common People To Courageous Service

- A. Moses (Exodus 3).
- B. David (1 Samuel 16:10-11).
- C. Gideon (Judges 6:15).
- D. Amos (Amos 7:14).
- E. He also calls you (2 Thessalonians 2:14).

## III. How To Be Courageous In A Permissive Society

- A. Get outside your comfort zone (1 Corinthians 9:22).
- B. Go beyond what’s expected of you (Matthew 5:41).
- C. Do things that don’t have an immediate payoff (Hebrews 12:2).
- D. Do things that challenge cultural norms (Philippians 2:15).

- Conclusion:
1. As you face the world this week, let me challenge you to be strong and courageous, and do not be afraid.
  2. Maybe your first step of courage can be accomplished here, this morning by submitted your life to Jesus.