

The Difficulties of Being a Dad

Pressure • Stress • Fear

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“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.” —Ambrose Redmoon

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¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

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⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. ⁵For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

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⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸You have said, “Seek My face.” My heart says to You, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

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⁹Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. ¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

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¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

—Psalm 27 ESV

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Courage is Reduced in the
Crisis of Life's Circumstance

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I Samuel 17
Goliath

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Courage is Rooted in a Personal
Relationship With God

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2 Kings 6:15-17
“chariots of fire”

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“Courage is not something God gives, but rather something He brings with the awareness of His nearness.”

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“Salvation finds us in the dark, but it does not leave us there. It is not merely said that the Lord gives light, but that He *is* light; not that He gives salvation, but that He *is* salvation. —C.H. Spurgeon

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John 1:1-5

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Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

—John 8:12 ESV

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¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. —John 3:16-17 ESV

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Courage is Renewed Through the Practice of Daily Worship

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Daily Worship

Start each day with praise.
(Psalm 27:6)

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Daily Worship

Seek God's face, not just His hand.
(Psalm 27:7-11)

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"If a man pleases God, it doesn't matter who he displeases; and if a he displeases God, it doesn't really matter who he pleases." —Adrian Rogers

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Daily Worship

Surrender to God's purpose even in the problems you face today. (Psalm 27:11-13)

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"Life isn't always good,
but God is always good."

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Courage is Reflected When We Wait on
God Although We Feel Like Moving On

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“Wait at His door with prayer, wait at His
footstool with humility, wait at His table with
service, wait at His window with expectancy.”
—Charles H. Spurgeon

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“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes it is
a voice at the end of the day that says, ‘I’ll try
again tomorrow.’” —Mary Anne Radmacher

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