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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 The 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.

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."

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.

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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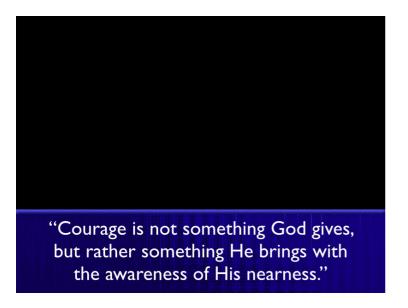
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Courage is Rooted in a Personal Relationship With God

2 Kings 6:15-17 "chariots of fire"

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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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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."

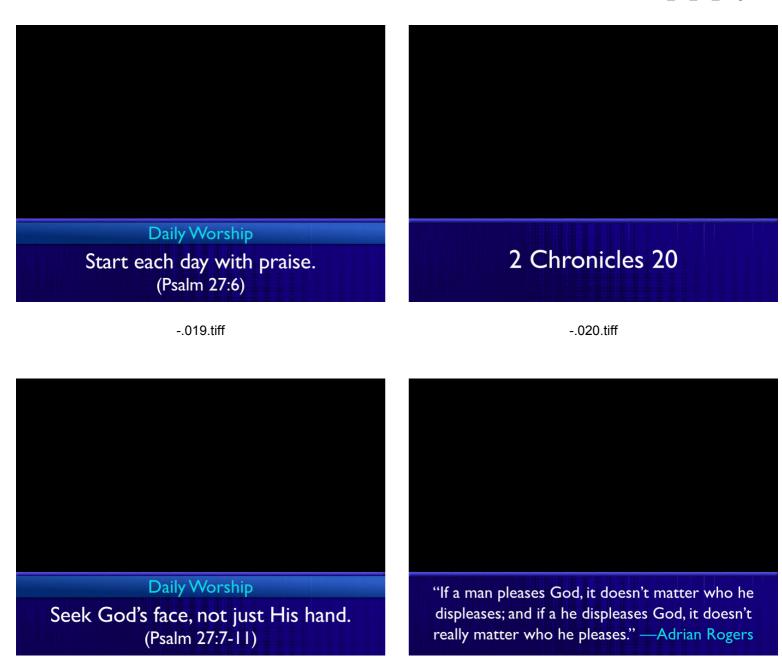
—John 8:12 ESV

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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

Courage is Renewed Through the Practice of Daily Worship

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Daily Worship

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

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

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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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