



HOPECHAPEL

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Courage to Face our Fears – Sunday Series

Message Summary: If we only think of God as one who will always bless us with good things if we live for Him, when persecution or suffering comes, we will be blindsided. True Christians are generous, loving, moral people, yet Christianity is the most persecuted religion in the world! Many Christians will compromise with the culture: *“I don’t want to offend. I don’t want to lose my job. I have a family to support.”* Today we look at some practical steps to develop courage in the next generation with facing persecution and inexplicable pain.

Courage to Face our Fears, part 6

Develop Heroes in the Next Generation

“For times of persecution”

- 1. Teach and practice trust that God knows more than we do.** Isaiah 55:9
- 2. Read the whole Bible to your children** 1 Corinthians 10:11
- 3. Help your children to see Christians as their heroes** Hebrews 11:24-27
- 4. Tell them about the great battle between God and His angels and Satan and his demons** Revelations 12:11
- 5. Talk about eternity** 2 Corinthians 5:9-11
- 6. This is the most important of all: Ask God to help you to love Him so much that no price will be too high to pay for Him.**
Matthew 19:29-30

LifeGroup Questions – All Groups are on Summer Break

Begin It (5min) – Open Prayer & Praise

Explore It (60min) - Discussion Questions:

1. Share some of your parenting fears. If you’ve already raised your kids, can you remember the fears you had years ago?
2. How can our relationship with Jesus help us with the guilt we can feel about being inadequate parents?
3. Discuss the six ways we can develop courageous children in preparation for pain or persecution.
4. How do you feel about praying for your children as a life- long responsibility?

APPLY IT (15min): What of the six ways you will increase intentional conversation with your kids or grandchildren? Discuss what that might look like and pray for each other.

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