

COURAGE

“Stand Up For Truth” – Part 1 of 5 April 27, 2025

“No one had the courage to speak favorably about him (Jesus) in public.”
John 7:13 (NLT)

“One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.’” Acts 18:9 (NIV)

Jesus: “Stand up for me against world opinion, I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven.” Matthew 10:32 (MSG)

POPULAR ANTI-CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEWS

1. _____ : WHAT MATTERS MOST IS MONEY

Jesus: “After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy..” Luke 12:15 (CEB)

2. _____ : WHATEVER FEELS GOOD, IS GOOD

“You’re addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied.” Proverbs 21:17 (MSG)

“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.” Exodus 23:2 (NIV)

3. _____ : WHAT I WANT COMES FIRST

“It’s selfish and stupid to think only of yourself...” Proverbs 18:1 (CEV)

“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.” Philippians 2:4-5 (NLT)

4. _____ : GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTROL EVERYTHING

Jesus: “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”
Matthew 22:21 (NIV)

“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name...” Peter and the other apostles replied: ‘We must obey God rather than human beings!’”

Acts 5:28-29 (NIV)

UNPOPULAR TRUTHS IN GOD'S WORLDVIEW

The sanctity of...

1. _____ : HAS A PURPOSE FOR EVERY UNBORN CHILD

"You Lord, made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb... Your workmanship is marvelous... You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion... in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed!" Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

2. _____ : SEX IS ONLY FOR MARRIAGE

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

3. _____ : ONE MAN & ONE WOMAN FOR LIFE

Jesus: "He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Matthew 19:4-6 9 (NKJV)

HOW CAN I LIVE WITH UNCOMMON COURAGE?

1. MAKE GOD'S _____ MY #1 AUTHORITY

"God has given us both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can take new courage, for we can hold on to his promise with confidence." Hebrews 6:18 (NLT '96)

2. SPEND PERSONAL _____ WITH JESUS

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realize that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13 (NIV)

"After they had prayed...they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke God's word without fear." Acts 4:31 (NCV)

"Do not lose your courage, because it brings with it a great reward."

Hebrews 10:35 (GN)