

A majestic lion with a thick, golden-brown mane is perched on a dark, jagged rock. The lion's mouth is wide open in a powerful roar, with its tongue and teeth visible. The background is a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic, golden sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlighting effect on the lion and the landscape. The overall mood is one of strength, courage, and leadership.

**Be Courageous**  
**1 Corinthians 16:13**

# 4 Steps to Biblical Courage

1. Identity – Who Am I?
2. Belief/Conviction
3. Faith
4. Action – Faith and Works

➤ **1 Corinthians 16:13** - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Identity – Who Am I?



**What Do You See in the  
Mirror?**

# Will You Find Your Identity in Jesus?

- **James 1:6-7** - But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
- **Galatians 2:20** - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

# Daniel – Identity in the LORD

- **Daniel 1:8** - But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.
- **Daniel 2:26-28** - The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?” <sup>27</sup> Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, <sup>28</sup> but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.

# Nebuchadnezzar Humbled Before the LORD

- **Daniel 4:37** - Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

# Jesus – Identity in His Father

- **John 6:38** – For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
- **John 10:30** - I and the Father are one.



Belief/Conviction

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- **John 1:12** – But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
- **Philippians 3:13-14** - Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

# Esther

- **Esther 4:12-14** - And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. <sup>13</sup> Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

# Jesus

- **John 18:37** - Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Faith

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- **Romans 1:16** - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- **Hebrews 11:6** - And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

# David

- **1 Samuel 17:44-47** - The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” <sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand.”

*Action – Faith and Works*



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- **James 2:14-17** - What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

# Our Examples for Biblical Courage

- Moses vs Pharoah
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego vs Nebuchadnezzar
- Jesus and Pilate
- Apostles vs Sanhedrin
- Paul vs the Roman Governor Felix