



SEPTEMBER THEME



Courage

Week Three

Monday ~ **READ**

READ John 10:17-18 in multiple translations and paraphrases. Then choose one to be your focus as we meditate on the courage of Christ this week.*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

Tuesday ~ **COPY**

COPY John 10:17-18 from your focus translation.

*Today's movement is brief, and tomorrow's is longer, so you may want to also get started on Wednesday's movement today as well.

Wednesday ~ **PONDER**

PONDER Jesus' words in John 10:17-18 using the following prompts and with a focus upon Christ courageously "*laying down His life*" in countless ways. Be mindful that "*His life*" definitely refers to His physical life as He sacrificed it upon the cross, but it also points to many other ways that He courageously gave up "*His life*" as well.

- **First, HOW DO WE SEE JESUS COURAGEOUSLY LAYING DOWN HIS LIFE?** Ponder some moments where we see Jesus courageously "*laying down His life*" as described in the following passages. As you read through them, journal some notes about each one. (Matthew 3:13-17, John 8:1-11, John 11:7-11, Matthew 18:21-22, Matthew 27:33-50)
- **Second, WHERE DID JESUS' COURAGE COME FROM?** In John 10:17-18, we can see Jesus' mindsets that fueled His courage. What are they? Ask the Holy Spirit for understanding, and then journal your thoughts.
- **Third, CAN I HAVE THAT SAME KIND OF COURAGE TO "LAY DOWN MY LIFE" as I live for Jesus?** As Christians we are also called to lay down our lives for Christ, but it takes great courage to lay down our pride, our will, our rights, our thoughts, our emotions, our image and more... maybe even our physical lives as we follow Jesus. Pondering the source of Jesus' courage, do we also have access to that kind of courage? Ask the Holy Spirit for understanding, and then journal your thoughts.
- **Are there things in your life that the Lord is asking you to "*lay down*" as you follow Him?** What are they? How can the courage of Christ empower you to also live in this way? Journal your thoughts.

Thursday ~ **PRAY**

PRAY Use the prompts below to pray into the Truth of John 10:17-18:

- **PRAISE GOD** for Jesus' willingness to "*lay down His life...*"
- **TALK TO GOD** about the source of Jesus' courage.
- **ASK GOD** to show you where He wants you to have courage to "*lay down your life...*"
- **CONFESS** any fear you have and **TALK** with God about it.
- **DECLARE** that you will rise up in courage as you live in Christ, knowing that you have also been given authority to "*lay down your life*" and the promise that it will be given back in greater measure!

*** *Now go back and pray into this Truth from John 10:17-18 for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan.*

Friday ~ **LISTEN**

LISTEN to a message on John 10:17-18 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

Saturday ~ **SHARE**

SHARE the encouragement of John 10:17-18 with a friend who needs encouragement to courageously live for Christ.