

## **A few words of enCOURAGEment – 4/03/03 FCA-Leesburg High**

To move you to have courage.

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to conquer fear.

One that was willing to conquer his fears was David. His best friend's father was trying to kill him, yet kept his courage.

Ps 27:1 ¶ <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident.

4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

7 ¶ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.

11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! (NKJV)

Ver. 14. (From the Treasury of David)

**Wait on the Lord.** Wait at his door with prayer; wait at his foot with humility; wait at his table with service; wait at his window with expectancy. **Be of good courage.** Courage we shall need, if we are soldiers of the King. **And he shall strengthen thine heart.** He can put a patch right on the weak place. Let the heart be strengthened, and the whole machine of humanity is filled with power; a strong heart makes a strong arm. What strength is this which God himself gives to the heart? Your homework is to read **Acts 6:9-8:3** and come talk to me about the man named Stephen – see what true Christian courage is all about as you read of the last moments of his life. **Wait, I say, on the Lord.** Do not try to run ahead, but do not fall behind either. God’s strength and courage will be given only to those that stand beside Him!

A (true) friend will strengthen you with his prayers, bless you with his love, and encourage you with his hope.

My hope and encouragement for you is that you seek first the kingdom of heaven and take advantage of all the courage that can be found in the Word of God.

Remember, “God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.”  
(Psalms 46:1)

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