



His Motivating Courage

Jesus: The Incomparable Leader - Part 5 of 7

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Big Idea: The experience of Jesus is proof that anybody who feels called to lead must have the courage to cope with criticism and deal with antagonists.

Text: Luke 5:33-39, 6:1-11

I. JESUS HAD THE COURAGE _____ WHEN OTHERS WERE TOO RIGID.

They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking." – Luke 5:33

Jesus answered, "Can you make the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast."

– Luke 5:34-35

"I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

– Amos 5:21-24

II. JESUS HAD COURAGE TO _____ WHEN OTHERS WERE INFLEXIBLE.

He told them this parable: "No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old."

– Luke 5:36

"And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is better.' "

– Luke 5:37-39

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" – Luke 6:1-2

Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." – Luke 6:3-4

Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." – Luke 6:5

III. JESUS HAD THE COURAGE _____ WHEN OTHERS WERE THREATENING HIM.

On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. – Luke 6:6-7

But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there. – Luke 6:8

Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." – Luke 6:9-10a

He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored. – Luke 6:10

But they were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus. – Luke 6:11

MEMORY VERSE

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1