



Deuteronomy 31:6 ESV

2019 Winter Getaway ~ Room Devotion

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Be Bold!

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

What are you afraid of? Maybe you heard this schoolyard taunt as a child. Or perhaps you've heard it from a close friend or relative while making a life-changing adult decision. I think sometimes the better question would be, "What are you NOT afraid of?" We go through our lives making decisions and doing what we want to do based upon the fear of the unknown. We settle for the comforts of the familiar and don't take the leap off the edge in faith.

There are so many things in this world that tell you that you are not good enough - that you are too young or too old, too plain or too pretty, too short or too tall, too thin or too thick, too brainy or too nerdy, too {insert adjectives here}. You could go on forever with ways that the devil tries to bind us to our fears and so-called flaws.

God loved you so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die for you! God says that you are worth it to Him. In Him, you are enough.

God supplies us with all that we need daily - things like food, shelter, and the love of family and friends. He also gives us what we need daily when we have doubt and disbelief in our own worthiness. He gives us the courage, wisdom, and strength to get through our daily lives. These three words are woven together so beautifully and we see the connections when looking further at their definitions.

- **Courage** is the ability to do something that frightens one: **strength** in the face of pain or grief
- **Wisdom** is the quality of having experience, knowledge and good judgement.
- **Strength** is the state of being strong, having physical or moral power, or **courage**

Courage, Wisdom, and Strength are gifts from God. These words help us to live a BOLD life.

You can live a BOLD life because Jesus has conquered everything! When you wake up in the middle of the night or you can't fall asleep because you can't stop worrying about anything and everything, remind yourself that God is working things out. Let go... and let God. He isn't a silent narrator of your story, but rather, he walks beside you and guides you - holding your hand - or even perhaps pushing or nudging you forward.

You need to cling to the hope of Him, be courageous, and let go of all the things that bring you down. Trust that the Lord is good. Maybe you are walking through a difficult season in your life, your health, your marriage, or relationships. This is the time to trust that God is in control. He will guide you where you need to be and He will use you in a way that He sees fit as you live out your BOLD life.

Be BOLD: Try these new BOLD adjectives to describe yourself and your life in Christ.

B: Beautiful, Blissful, Beaming, Brave, Bubbly, Beloved

O: Outstanding, Obedient, Overjoyed

L: Loyal, Leader, Loved

D: Dynamic, Daring, Dear, Deserving

We are no longer slaves to Satan and this world of sin. In Jesus, we have genuine freedom and are children of God through Faith. John 8:36 says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Jesus has broken the chains and set you free. Go, now, and face the journey ahead with courage, wisdom and strength today and every day.

Live Boldly - Love God greatly. What are you afraid of?

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for always loving me even when I fail to trust in your plan. Help me to see that I am your beloved child who has been saved by your Son, Jesus. Guide me to be live a BOLD life for you. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wondering how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this prisoner and say to me
"Son, stop fighting a fight that's already been won"

(Chorus)

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away every stain
Now I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed, I'm redeemed

All my life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"
I remember oh God, You're not done with me yet (Chorus)

I don't have to be
The old man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name
A new life I'm not the same
And a hope that will carry me home (Chorus X2)