



Sunday Worship 6-19-22  
Sermon: Dis/En/Courage

Today's Scripture Text:

Psalm 59:1-4, 8-10

1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; Defend me from those who rise up against me. 2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloodthirsty men. 3 For look, they lie in wait for my life; The mighty gather against me, not for my transgression nor for my sin, O Lord. 4 They run and prepare themselves through no fault of mine. Awake to help me, and behold!

8 But You, O Lord, shall laugh at them; You shall have all the nations in derision. 9 I will wait for You, O You his Strength; For God is my defense. 10 My God of mercy shall come to meet me...

DEFINITIONS:

- Courage is the ability to do something in the face of a threat, feeling fear, having pain, or experiencing grief.
- Discouragement is the loss of confidence, enthusiasm, where we become disheartened, fearful, as if hope is draining out of us.
- Encouragement is about the restoring of confidence and hope. The motivation to face whatever comes our way.

Main Point:

Is your courage being \_\_\_\_\_, or are you finding your courage \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord?

THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARE DISCOURAGED:

1. Discouragement doesn't always announce its \_\_\_\_\_, it just shows up at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARE DISCOURAGED:

2. We have long since trained ourselves to \_\_\_\_\_ discouragement in order to avoid \_\_\_\_\_.

THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARE DISCOURAGED:

3. Discouragement makes you emotionally tired where you start \_\_\_\_\_ battles that \_\_\_\_\_ matter and give up fighting the ones that \_\_\_\_\_ matter.

THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARE DISCOURAGED:

4. Discouragement \_\_\_\_\_ your ability to \_\_\_\_\_ the promises of God.

CANCEL DISCOURAGEMENT THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT:

1. There is going to be something \_\_\_\_\_ in your life, make it the \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

b. Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

c. Lamentations 3:22-24 Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"

d. Isaiah 61:3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

CANCEL DISCOURAGEMENT THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT:

2. Have realistic expectations, there will be a \_\_\_\_\_, and then you are going to \_\_\_\_\_.

a. John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

b. 1 Samuel 17:32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

c. 1 Samuel 17:45-47 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, 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. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from

you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

CANCEL DISCOURAGEMENT THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT:

3. Go to the God of \_\_\_\_\_ to find \_\_\_\_\_.

a. 1 Samuel 30:6 Further, David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all of them were embittered, each man for his sons and daughters. But David felt strengthened and encouraged in the Lord his God.

b. Psalm 59:8-10a But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them; You shall have all the nations in derision. 9 I will wait for You, O You his Strength; For God is my defense. 10 My God of mercy shall come to meet me...

Conclusion:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Reflection:

Are you setting the Lord before you always?