

Day Six

Obey

Read

Acts 5:21, Acts 5:29-32,
Numbers 13:24-33



In day five, we learned that faith is one of the key ingredients needed in obeying God. Another key ingredient is courage! Read Joshua 1:7 to see how God connects courage to obedience.

Joshua 1:7 says, "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left that you may prosper wherever you go."

It is not unusual to feel a little uncertainty and sometimes even have fear grip our hearts whenever God speaks to us and directs us to do something. There is a measure of risk, and the fears we face can be very real. But as real as it might be, the spirit of fear is not from God! (2 Timothy 1:7)

If we are to truly change the world, we need to be bold and courageous, like Joshua, David, Moses, and Jesus Himself! Without the faith element, we do not have a relationship with God, so have faith!

The only thing fear achieves is not achieving anything. It may not always be convenient, but it is our conviction and commitment to live a lifestyle of obedience. And finally, we need courage to actually do it!



Mission

After praying and listening, obey! Whenever we do something for the first time, it can be a nerve-wracking experience. Sometimes the best way to overcome our fears is to... face it! So next week, attempt something for the first time; something you've never done before, for God! It can even be something as simple as inviting someone you've never invited before to church or praying for someone, offering to say "grace" for everyone at the table etc.



Prayer

Dear God, we desire to obey You completely. We reject the spirit of fear because You have not given it to us. Instead, we pray that You strengthen our resolve and our courage to obey You and do radical things! In Jesus' name, Amen.

REVO STORY

Prayed in our national language

"We have decided to bless and pray for our Headmistress in front of her. We are reminded to not think about the 'natural sight' but always think about the 'supernatural sight'.

When we were at our Headmistress' office, we gave her a Bible and we offered to pray for her. We told her that she can choose to decline but she said, 'Okay.' I will always remember this prayer that we prayed in our national language:

'Yesus yang termulia di Syurga, kami semua datang sebelum Yesus untuk menyatakan Kebesaran-Mu dan kami juga bersyukur kami mempunyai Pengetua yang amat berbesar kepada kami sepanjang masa. Jadi pada pagi yang mulia ini, kami berdiri di atas nama Yesus untuk memberkati Pengetua kami dengan kekuatan dan semangat yang dia perlukan. Yesus, kami berharap Yesus akan memberkati dia atas segalanya. Kami datang dan berterima kasih atas semua yang Yesus telah buat melalui Pengetua kami dan ini semua kita berdoa di dalam nama Yesus, Amin!'



(Translated: Dear Heavenly Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, we come before You to declare Your greatness. We are grateful to have an awesome Headmistress that is with us all this time. So, on this beautiful morning, we stand before Your name to bless our Headmistress with the strength and energy that she needs. Jesus, we pray that You will bless her in everything that she does. We come and thank You for all that You've done in our Headmistress' life. We pray all this in Jesus' name, Amen!)

The moment after we said 'Amen', she started tearing and we also teared along. She said, 'It's so hard to manage this school as school discipline is becoming worse. And I really don't know what to do.'

I responded that she could find answers in the Bible. She can also find us and we will be there for her. Before we left, she thanked us and said that she was really blessed."

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