

letter to elect exiles **FIRST PETER**

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CHRIST'S CURRICULUM ON COURAGE

ISA.7:1-7,8:11-17/1PET.3:8-17

1) THE LOGIC OF COURAGE IN THE CHRISTIAN MIND

John 14:1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."
Mark 6:49-50 ...but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Psalms 56:4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

Psalms 34:18-22 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2) THE EXCHANGE OF FEARS IN THE CHRISTIAN HEART

Isaiah 8:12-14 Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he will become a sanctuary...