

Icebreaker: What's your favorite April Fool's memory?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the heroes we met tonight did you most resonate with, and why?
2. What did you hear tonight that inspired you? In what ways would you like to grow after hearing tonight's message?
3. What have you been through in life that was difficult, but gave you opportunity to trust the Lord in bigger ways than you had before?
4. How have you seen the Lord bring something good out of circumstances that were hard?
5. Often we extend trust to people who are similar to us and fear people who are different than we are. What are some ways we can overcome that tendency of the human heart?

NOTES:



“Uncommon Courage... When Fear is Loud”

with Mary Schaeffer

April 11, 2022

Welcome to Ladies Latté!

We are so thankful you have come to Latté - a place where we can connect with each other and Christ over a cup of coffee.

It's oftentimes in the most simplistic, casual settings that we encounter closeness with one another and the Lord.

Our prayer for you is that while the fresh coffee is being poured into your cup, Jesus is pouring out His Spirit in a fresh, new way in your life. With each sip, may you also be drinking in the blessings of fellowship with your sisters-in-Christ.

See you again on May 9th!

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"Uncommon Courage...When Fear is Loud"

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Proverbs 29:25 tells us that fearing people is a dangerous trap. And over and over again we read in the Bible, *Do not be afraid*. As we get to know our hero for tonight, we'll see that her faith in the Lord gave her freedom to live courageously and see God do amazing things.

It's possible to grow really strong in _____ even in the midst of circumstances that are awful.

- The Israelites were enslaved, exploited, demoralized, and their children were being killed. But even though their oppressors were able to make their circumstances miserable, they could not _____ their spirits.

Don't be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God...
Matthew 10:28

The most difficult and painful things in our lives can be opportunities to _____ the Lord in bigger ways than we have before.

- Pharaoh commanded Shiphrah and Puah to do something horrible, but their faith freed them to do what was right, regardless of the circumstances.
Because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king and allowed the boys to live. Exodus 1:17
- There seemed to be no answer to Jochabed's predicament. If she kept her baby boy, she was putting herself and the rest of her family in danger, but what was the alternative? Her faith gave her courage and determined her actions.
It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months. They were not afraid of what the king might do. Hebrews 11:23

The Bible tells us that "in this world we will have _____." The Lord won't always work out our circumstances the way we wish He would. He sees the big picture. Often we don't get to see it, but sometimes He allows us a peak.

- Jochabed's baby was rescued by the princess and returned to his mother.
...she found the baby boy. His helpless cries touched her heart. Exodus 2:6

- In a crazy turn of events, the princess not only rescued the baby, but actually paid Jochabed to raise her own son!
Take this child home and nurse him for me...I will pay you for your help. Exodus 2:9
- Moses grew up to become the one God used to set the Israelites free from slavery. He lived with the same uncommon courage he saw in his mom.
It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt. He was not afraid of the king. Moses kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. Hebrews 11:27

It's not about turning down the noise of the fear, but about turning up the volume of your faith.

- Deal with anything that _____ with your faith.
Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus... Hebrews 12:1-2
- Deepen your relationship with the Lord. To know him is to _____ him is to _____ him.
The Lord is just! There is nothing but goodness in Him. Psalm 92:15
- Develop good _____.
When Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual... Daniel 6:10
- Determine whose _____ matters most.
Many people did believe in him...but they wouldn't admit it...for they loved human praise more than the praise of God.
John 12:42-43

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