

COURAGEOUS Series

Week 7 outline

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1 Peter 4:1-11

Walking With a Clear Mind and Self-Control

I. Feeling Like The Sky is Falling

A. As followers of Jesus we are...

- called to live missionally
- led to love courageously
- asked to forgive repeatedly

B. So how come...

- instead of living missionally we act fearfully?
- instead of loving courageously, we stare lustfully?
- instead of forgiving repeatedly, we're offended by everything?

WE ARE LEFT WONDERING WHERE THE CLEAR MINDED AND
SELF-CONTROLLED PEOPLE WE THOUGHT WE WERE WENT.

II. "So Arm Yourself with the same Mind of Christ"

A. The Mind of Christ Elevates the Purpose of Suffering (vs 1)

1. *"Therefore"*
 - in reference to 1 Peter 3:18
2. *"Arm yourself"*-to make ready, equip
3. *"With the same attitude"*
 - way of thinking; same insight and understanding as Jesus Christ

B. The Mind of Christ Aims our Passion for the Will of God (vs 2-6)

1. *As a result...* [you walk in a new way]
2. A picture of a life chasing "evil human desires"
3. But rather we now live for the will of God

C. The Mind of Christ Equips our Perspective with Eternal Hope (vs 7a)

1. *"Therefore"*
 - referring to: *"time in the past, live the rest of your life..., the end of all things is near"*

OUR TEMPORARY TIME ON EARTH IS IN THE CONSTANT LIGHT OF AN ETERNAL HOPE

2. "Be alert and sober minded"

- a. *"Alert"*: Have a clear mind to exercise self-control
(Mark 5:15 - the man who once called himself Legion was found clothed
and "in his right mind" after his encounter with Jesus)

- b. *"Sober-minded"*: Sober-spirited
 - free from illusion; to keep your wits about you
 - one enabled to be temperate and self-controlled

WE WALK WITH A CLEAR MIND AND SELF-CONTROL
AS WE WALK WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST

D. The Mind of Christ Emphasizes the Priority of Prayer (vs 7b)

1. *"So that you may pray"*
(NASB translates: for the purpose of prayer)
 - clear minds and eternal perspective allow us to powerfully pray as Jesus taught

PRAYER ISN'T A LAST RESORT, IT'S THE ONLY HOPE

E. The Mind of Christ Illuminates the Power of Grace (vs 8-11)

1. In Love
2. Through Hospitality
3. By Serving
4. As Stewards

WE ARE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR STEWARDING GOD'S GRACE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

III. How we are Equipped/Armed with receiving the mind of Christ (Romans 12:1-3)

A. Is Transformational NOT Transactional

- more than outward appearances, it's the power and transformation of the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ

B. It's through God's renewal NOT personal improvement (Colossians 3:9-12)

- it's not just a lack of understanding that creates the need in our lives for a savior, it's our fallen nature
- it's more than convincing ourselves of thinking a different way, or acting

C. Occurs through the work of the Holy Spirit, NOT ourselves (Titus 3:5)

"[God] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit -Titus 3:5

D. Is Lived by Remaining (dwelling) in Jesus NOT anything else (Jn 15)

- Give Testimony: God weaves His story of the gospel through our story of transformation
- Offer Prayer: Prayer is submission, it brings us humility and softens our heart
- Take in the Word: Feed yourself daily with the expressed and explained will of God

"TRANSFORMATION IS THE PROFOUND, BLOOD-BOUGHT,
SPIRIT-WROUGHT, CHANGE FROM THE INSIDE OUT" -John Piper