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"As we continue our Lenten journey, take time to remember those times in your life when YOU struggled and forgive yourself for not seeing how strong and courageous you were! There were no cameras, only silence; no confetti, just our tears; no adoring crowds, only our fears and insecurities. Yet, that's alright because in the eyes of God we are courageous, strong, and guite capable of withstanding fear and difficulty! Yes, a person running into a burning building and bringing out a child is courageous and a hero. But guess what? So are you!"

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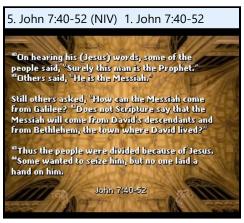
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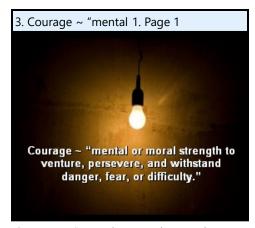
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40On hearing his (Jesus) words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." 41Others said, "He is the Messiah."

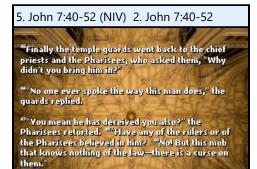


Courage ~ "mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty."

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things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? "No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, "that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not John 3:1-21

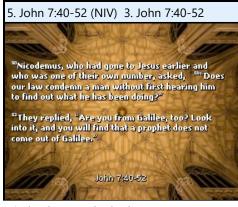
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45Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?"

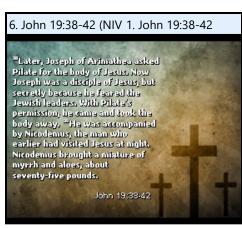
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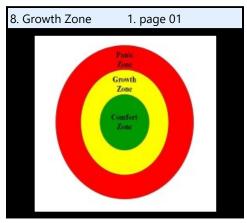


50Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, 51"Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?"





38Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body

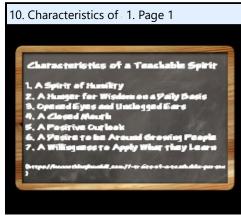


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"We can choose courage or we can choose comfort, but we can't have both. Not at the same time." - Brene Brown



Characteristics of a Teachable Spirit

- 1. A Spirit of Humility
- 2. A Hunger for Wisdom on a Daily Basis
- 3. Opened Eyes and Unclogged Ears



8Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.

9Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add

