

BEING OF GOOD COURAGE.

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Psalm 42:9-NKJV

9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? **Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"**

mourning – *qadar (kaw-dar)*-means **"to be dark."**...It refers to the darkening of the sky due to a storm, or the total absence of light.

Māsas (maw-sas) - which means **"to melt or dissolve."** ...to faint (with fatigue, fear or grief): - **discourage melt (away)**...

Psalm 22:14-15-AMP

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart is like wax; it is softened [with anguish] and melted down within me.

15 *My strength is dried up like a fragment of clay pottery;*...

Deuteronomy 1:28-AMP

28 To what are we going up? Our brethren have **made our hearts melt**, saying, the people are bigger and taller than we are; the cities are great and fortified to the heavens. And moreover we have seen the [*giantlike*] sons of the Anakim there.

What is the real cause, then, of discouragement? **Unbelief.**

Mark 6:6-AMP

6 And He (Jesus) marveled because of their **unbelief (their lack of faith in Him).**

To have victory over discouragement, we must embrace four principles:

1. We must stop looking at ourselves, and start looking at God.

Psalm 13:1-NLT

1...O LORD, how long will You forget me? Forever? How long will You look the other way?

2 How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

3 Turn and answer me, O LORD my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die.

Psalm 5:3-KJV

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and **will look up.**

2. We must stop looking at the past and start looking at the future.

Philippians 3:13-Passion

13 I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however **I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past** as **I fasten my heart to the future instead.**

You need to look to what God is going to do in you and through you.

3. We must stop searching for reasons and start resting on promises.

2Corinthians 10:5-Murdock

5 And **we demolish imaginations**, and every lofty thing that exalteth itself against the **knowledge of God**, and **subjugate (overpower) all reasonings** to obedience to the Messiah.

Romans 1:17-AMP

...The man who through faith is **just and upright shall live and shall live by faith.**

4. We must be strong and courageous because of the Gods strength in us.

Deuteronomy 31:6-AMP

6 **Be strong, courageous, and firm; fear not nor be in terror before them**, for it is the Lord your God **Who goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you.**

We are never alone because the **Holy Spirit dwells in us**, and we also always have **God's Word with us.**

Courage - actually means **"boldness or bravery."**

Galatians 6:9-AMP

9 And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, **if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.**