

SERMON NOTES

December 3 & 4, 2022

All is Calm: | *Courage to Change*

1. Where do I need the courage to _____
_____ to change? **Luke 1:13,20; 2:1-a**

2. The road to "No" is marked by _____; the road to "Yes"
is marked by _____. **Matthew 1:19-21**

3. Courage is _____
_____ in the presence of fear.

4. Every time I grow, it will be because _____. **Matthew 1:13, 22a**

5. I can be courageous because _____. **Matthew 1:20**

Life Steps

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Monday

Luke 1:12-13: 1:30; 2:10 | Matthew 1:20

Reflect: In the Christmas Gospel accounts, several people are greeted by angels. How do you think you would react to a visit from an angel? Why?

Prayer: God, grant me the courage to change the things I can.

Tuesday

Matthew 1:18-24

Reflect: In what ways did Joseph have 'serenity to accept the things he could not change?' How did Joseph show 'courage to change the things he could?'

Prayer: God, grant me the courage to change the things I can.

Wednesday

Luke 1:11-23

Reflect: What might have happened if Zechariah's response to fear had not been courage? Where in your life do you need the courage to change something?

Prayer: God, grant me the courage to change the things I can.

Thursday

Luke 1:26-33

Reflect: What might have happened if Mary's response to fear had not been courage? How do you define courage?

Prayer: God, grant me the courage to change the things I can.

Friday

Luke 2:1-15

Reflect: What might have happened if the shepherds' response to fear had not been courage? How do you normally react when confronted with the unpleasant reality about yourself?

Prayer: God, grant me the courage to change the things I can.

Saturday

Matthew 2:13-23

Reflect: What might have happened if Joseph's response to fear had not been courage? What is the truth about yourself you are most afraid to face?

Prayer: God, grant me the courage to change the things I can.

Sunday

Philippians 4:11-13

Reflect: Joseph was able to act courageously because he trusted that God was with him. How have you seen God working in your life since we began studying the Sermon on the Mount? What is your next courageous action step? Who are you inviting to join you for Christmas Eve Worship?

Prayer: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change and the courage to change the things I can.