

Taking Worship Home

Discuss one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

1. Who do you know who speaks boldly and courageously about Jesus in their interactions with others while also demonstrating kindness and presence? Describe a conversation you had with them or one that you observed.
2. Has anyone ever had an important conversation with you that probably required bravery on their part? What were the results of that conversation?
3. Read some of the Scripture passages referenced in this section (Matthew 16:21-25; Mark 1:29-38; 5:1-20; John 2:13-22; 8:1-22). What story or conversation of Jesus best demonstrates his courage?
4. This week we were challenged to be brave in our relationships with others. Which of the following did you attempt? How did it go?
 - a. Think about what you are most passionate about in conversations and why. For what are you willing to speak up and bear the consequences?
 - b. Think of at least one conversation in which you need to step out and be brave.
 - c. Practice caring more about others than how you are perceived, even if you look foolish.
 - d. Practice speaking with both grace and truth. Know which one you tend to favor.
 - e. Relax and leave the results to God.
5. Are there one or two people in your life with whom you should have wise, careful, but brave conversations soon? Decide who those people are and prayerfully develop a plan to move forward. Get counsel from a trusted friend if you're not sure how to proceed. (And remember, bravery is not an excuse to be harsh and unloving; it's a call to simply do what needs to be done in the most Christlike way possible.)

(from 42 Seconds, pages 108-109)

**Speak out of a heart
that genuinely cares.
Trust God
to take care of the rest.**

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Prayer for the Week

Risen and ascended Lord, since you chose to enlist me in your mission, be faithful to your promise to be with me always.

Where my story intersects the story of another, let your story be present, too.
When I encounter distrust from others, teach me to put my trust in you.
As I strive for faithfulness, give me the gift of true bravery and bold love.

In every situation, give me wisdom to be silent; give me courage to speak;
and give me genuine compassion for others, both in my silence and in my speech.

As the challenge of living daily as your follower increases, continue to invite me into deeper relationship with you. And to your name be the glory. Amen.

By the Book

This week, **finish Section 3: Be Brave and read Section 4: Be Jesus** in the *42 Seconds* book (pages 111-151).

Dependence on Jesus is the linchpin of discipleship. In what ways do these chapters invite you to be more and more dependent on Jesus?

Underline some of your favorite quotes to share with your group this week.

Sermon Notes