

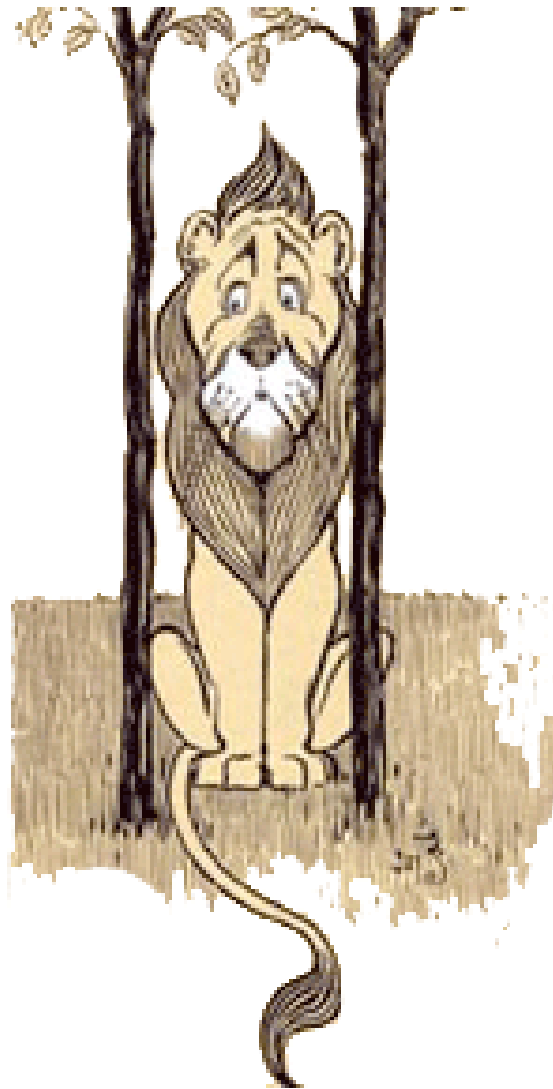


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# Courage

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**GOD'S WORD SAYS:** "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee."

Psalm 56:3.

In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy meets the Cowardly Lion, who wants to go with her to Oz to meet the Wizard. Lion is afraid of everything. He wants to get some courage. There are times you have been afraid. We do not travel to a wizard to get brave. We have a God that we know we can trust, and He will give us courage to get through scary times.

# Joshua, Have Courage



**GOD'S WORD SAYS:** "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid...for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9.



The people of Israel had been slaves in Egypt for years. God set them free from Egypt but they lived in the wilderness for forty years. Now, the people were ready to enter a new land where many enemies lived. The new leader Joshua was going to lead the people into the new land. This was a scary thing to do. The Lord reminded Joshua to be brave. The Lord had told the people that they would enter the new land, and He would be with them. They could trust in God!

# Israel, Do Not Be Afraid



**GOD'S WORD SAYS:** "For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not; I will help thee."  
Isaiah 51:13.

God had chosen the nation of Israel to be special. He gave them many promises, but they had many enemies. There were also many people in the nation who disobeyed God. This made the people who trusted God sad. There were many things going on that could cause the faithful people to be afraid. The Lord reminds them that He will do what He promised to do. They did not need to be afraid. They could trust Him.



# Timothy, Don't Fear



**GOD'S WORD SAYS:** "God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."  
2 Timothy 1:7.



Paul was getting older. He knew that he may die soon. He wrote a letter to Timothy to tell him to be strong and brave. Paul warned Timothy that there will be many who do not obey the Word of God, but he wanted Timothy to be strong in the Lord. It can be a scary thing to serve the Lord. Some people might get angry when Timothy talked about Jesus Christ. Some people may want to argue with him. Some people may have been living for themselves instead of the Lord. Paul wanted Timothy to tell people about Jesus Christ no matter what. He reminds him that God will give us strength, help us love, and keep control of ourselves. God is faithful, and we can always trust in Him.

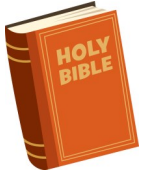
## Trust God



**GOD'S WORD SAYS:** "Be [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing...let your requests be made known unto God."  
Philippians 4:6.

There are many times in the Bible when God tells people not to be afraid but to trust Him. Today, when we trust that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again, we are saved. There may be times that are scary or sad. But we have the Lord to trust to help us in these times. He will never leave us or ignore us. When we are worried, we are told to pray and trust the Lord to give us peace. We can always have courage because we can trust in God.





**GOD'S WORD SAYS:** "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

**The times I am afraid  
I will trust in Thee  
The Bible tells me that  
God takes care of me.**



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