



	Statement	Bible Passage	Overview
1	Be brave because God has a rescue plan	<b>The Man and Woman Sin</b> Genesis 3	God knows best! He created us, He gave us everything we could possibly need, most of all Himself. However, it is in this chapter that we see the nature and consequences of sin when it enters God's creation. Sin stems from anger, pride and lies (v1, 4) and it causes us to doubt our Creator and His provision (v6). Our sin causes us to hide with guilt (v8) and blame others (v12, 13). Sin is choosing our way and ignoring God's way and we all are guilty. Every choice has a consequence and we see from verses 14-24 that God cannot let sin go unpunished. The worst result of our disobedience is separation from God's presence. But that's not the end! We see that God still cares (v21) and He has a rescue plan (v15)! One day, God will send Jesus to rescue us from our sin, therefore we can be brave because God Himself came to with us in the flesh and rescue us (v15b).
2	Be brave because God is sovereign	<b>Joseph</b> Genesis 37-45	Joseph's life was a perfect example of the mess sin can make. Joseph's brothers hated him (37:8), bullied him (37:18-28) and lied about it (37:31-35). Even when he was pressured to disobey God (39:6-12), more lies were told about him (39:13-18) and he was thrown in prison. We see God is supreme in the situation, His control and power are unstoppable... God is sovereign, through the ups and the downs. There are many characters in this story but none deserve respect as much as God. God brought about the redemption (45:1-15) then and He does for us too! He may be sovereign yet this King of Heaven came to earth out of total love for His people.
3	Be brave because God is glorious in power	<b>Moses</b> Exodus 1-15	Joseph's descendants, God's people, the Israelites were still in Egypt and the new Pharaoh was scared of how powerful they could become (1:8-11) so he used his power as a ruler to make them into his slaves. Moses was an Israelite. He was not powerful, and he was not always brave. He made a big mistake (2:12), he challenged God's decisions (3:11) and used weaknesses as an excuse (4:11). Yet God chose Moses to lead the thousands of Israelites out of slavery and into a safe place, the Promised Land (3:7-13). There are so many examples of God's power in Exodus, burning bush, the 10 plagues, the crossing of the Red Sea! The Egyptians had a powerful king and every powerful soldier and weapon, but the Israelites had God, "Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Your right hand, O Lord smashes the enemy." (15:6). We cannot defeat sin ourselves, but one day God will use His glorious power to defeat the greatest enemy... Be Brave!
4	Be brave because God delivers His people	<b>Gideon</b> Judges 6-8	God's people, the Israelites were ignoring God's helpful rules (again) so He handed them over the Midianites who treated them very badly (6:1-6) because sin always has consequences. Eventually, they cried to God for help (6:6). This time, God choose the 'mighty' (6:12), yet hesitant Gideon (6:17-21, 33-40). God's goal was to deliver His people from harm! Instructing Gideon to only take 300 men into battle seemed foolish. However because Gideon trusted God's promise to deliver His people, Gideon could be brave in battle. God will use another unexpected Hero to deliver His people from harm and hurt so be brave!
5	Be brave because God always wins	<b>David</b> 1 Samuel 17	"Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" (v26b). God shows us that not all battles are physical, some are spiritual. Height, experience, occupation mean nothing in God's Kingdom. David was for God in this battle, fighting to defend God's Name. David knew God was sovereign, glorious in power and that He would deliver His people so David stepped forward. David used what seemed weak and hilarious in the eyes of the enemy (v41-44) to send him crashing to the ground. He then used the enemy's fiercest weapon to defeat him (v51). David and the Israelites had the last laugh! Jesus would fight for God's people too, defeating the Evil One, by conquering death, the enemy's very own weapon.



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Week 2



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6	Be brave because God makes a way	<b>Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Luke 1:26-38 Matt. 1:18-25 Luke 2:41-52	God told both Mary and Joseph to be brave because He was making a Way. When Mary was told that her baby would be called “the Son of the Most High” and Joseph was told, the baby would “save God’s people from their sins” their lives would have been turned upside down! They faced people talking about them behind their backs and having to rethink their plans, the future for them and their children was unknown... but God makes a way. As time went on, Mary and Joseph discovered more and more about their son, the Messiah, the Son of God (Luke 2:51). Despite the inevitable fear and unknowns God made a way in their family, to reveal Himself to the whole world, through Jesus. Jesus is the only Way to the Father (Jn. 14:6). God made a way in Mary and Joseph’s story and he can make a Way in yours, back to Himself through Jesus.
7	Be brave because God can do the impossible	<b>Jairus</b> Luke 8:40-56	Two miracles in one! Healing a woman with bleeding was amazing, demonstrating Jesus’ healing power (v46) but yet in the delay on route to Jairus’ house, they received the news that his daughter who had been sick, was now dead. Jesus speaks the words, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed.” (v50) Arriving to a house filled with pain and sadness Jesus does more than a healing miracle, He brings the child back from death (v54-55)! The people were hoping for a healing but Jesus showed that He can do the impossible by giving them a resurrection. Jesus Himself was put to death on a cross, the sorrow of the crowd was great (Lk. 23:48) but soon the tears will end because God can do the impossible!
8	Be brave because God is alive	<b>Mary Magdalene &amp; the Other Mary</b> Matt. 28:1-10	An earthquake, an angel and an empty tomb, all at the same time and plenty to be afraid of! The angel speaks “Do not be afraid... Jesus has risen from the dead, just as He said would happen!” (v5-6). That morning, the two Marys had set out for a day of mourning but when they arrived at the tomb they were filled with fear and great joy (v8). Death was defeated, how glorious is God’s power! Look how these women responded to Jesus who was raised from the dead. “They ran to him, grasped His feet, and worshiped Him.” (v9). What is your response? Because of their worship and acceptance of the Risen Saviour, Jesus says, “Do not be afraid!” (v10). For all those who believe that Jesus is ALIVE, the punishment for your sin has been dealt with, death is defeated... all fear is gone! So what’s next?
9	Be brave because God is our Helper	<b>Peter</b> John 16:5-15 Acts 1:1-11 Acts 2:14-41	Jesus said it was better (Jn. 16:7) for Him to return to Heaven after the resurrection because when He did, God would send His people a Helper (Jn. 16:8 NCV). Look how He helped Peter, Jesus’ follower. Peter wasn’t very good at speaking in public... he always said the wrong thing (Luke 16:22-23 & 17:4) but when God’s Helper came, Peter was able to speak up for God in front of a large crowd. The Helper enabled the people to hear God’s message for them because of the words Peter spoke (Acts 2:37). Thousands became believers that day (Acts 2:41), not because of Peter but because God helped him. Jesus’ followers can be brave and carry out any task He asks (like Acts 1v8) because God is a powerful Helper.
10	Be brave because God’s story isn’t over	<b>John</b> Rev. 1:1-3, 17-19 Rev. 5:11-14 Rev. 21:1-2 Rev. 22:1-7, 12, 16, 20	Jesus promised all those who follow Him will have a place in His Father’s house (Jn. 14:2). This will be a special place for us to live with Him forever... but it isn’t ready yet (Jn. 4:3). God sent an angel to tell Jesus’ follower, John not to be afraid, but to write down all that God’s people could expect in the future (Rev. 1:1-3, 17-19). In this special place it will be amazing to worship to Jesus (Rev. 5:11-14) and it will be a new and beautiful home for God’s people (Rev. 21:1-2). There will be peace, light and God’s good rules will be kept by everyone (Rev. 22:1-7). Best of all, Jesus will be there and God’s people will be reunited with Him. For all who follow Jesus, we can be brave and look forward to what is to come because God’s great story is not over!



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# JOSHUA



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BONUS SESSION	<p>Be brave because God <b>is with you</b></p>	<p><b>Joshua</b> Numbers 13 &amp; Joshua 1-3, 6</p>	<p>We see the pieces of God’s plan coming together in Numbers 13! Joshua and the 11 other spies were heading into the land God had promised to Abraham (Gen. 15:18-21) and described to Moses at the burning bush (Ex. 3:17). On their return, the spies shared with God’s people, what they had seen (Num. 13:25-33). It was just as God had promised, a land flowing with milk and honey... what a blessing, how plentiful, what good news! But on the flip side, the people who lived in the land terrified Joshua, the other spies and the people. Surprising really, considering God had told them the land was not theirs yet and expect others to be living there!</p> <p>When the Israelites’ leader, Moses, had died, God called Joshua to lead His people into Canaan, the Promised Land. How amazing is the promise God makes to Joshua, “No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live... I will be with you... I will not fail you or abandon you... Be strong and courageous... Obey all the instructions... do not be afraid or discouraged... the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Josh. 1:5-9)</p> <p>In the story of Rahab (Josh. 2) we read that the enemy is terrified of the Israelites because of what God has done and has promised. Even though the enemy is fierce, big and strong (Num. 13:25-33), Joshua knows he can be brave because God is with him. Joshua led the Israelites to follow God’s instructions exactly in chapters 3 and 6 as they journeyed into the Promised Land and defeated Jericho as God presence went with them in the Ark of the Covenant.</p> <p>When we follow God, no one can deny His power and His promises (Josh. 6:27). What confidence God’s presence gives to those who follow Him. We do not need to be afraid in trouble.</p> <p>God came to be with His people when He was born as a baby and placed in a manger. Throughout Jesus’ life He demonstrated His power and authority and the enemy had reason to fear. Jesus’ presence on earth, His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, defeated the plans and power of the enemy... Look what can happen when God is with you!</p>