



Dear Crossroads Family,

We had a wonderful Sunday last week with our guest musicians in both the morning and evening services. I wanted to share with you the note they sent in response to the warm welcome and generous offering you gave to them.

Dear Crossroads family,

Chuck and I were blessed to spend the day with you this past Sunday. We talked all the way back to Liberty Hill (where Chuck lives) about the welcoming reception we received from so many. The expectation of sharing memories with our life-long friends was a significant motivation for us to make the trip, but your encouraging responses made it even more rewarding.

Thank you for the amazing honorarium that blessed us beyond words. San Antonio had previously seemed like a destination too far, but now Crossroad folks feel like family.

Thank you,

Chuck KingRandy Anderson

I am proud of my church. You always demonstrate the light and love of Christ in so many ways. I feel fortunate to be your pastor.

This Sunday will be a great day also as we continue to focus on the mission Jesus has called us to accomplish. The sermon title is **“Forged in the Presence: The Secret of Sacrificial Courage.”** (Sermon notes are provided below.)

I look forward to worshipping with you again this Sunday! It is “Name Tag Sunday.” So look for some people you don’t know and get to know their names!

Love, Bro. Doug

Forged in the Presence: The Secret of Sacrificial Courage
Acts 4:1-3, 8-20

What would Peter and John say if we asked them what gave them the courage to do what was right in God's eyes in Acts 4?

The Sadducees were furious with Peter and John. By _____ and proclaiming the _____ of Jesus, the Apostles were challenging both the _____ and the _____ of the Sadducees. The Sadducees had policing authority, and these 2 offenses led them to incarcerate Peter and John and hold them over for trial the next day. These are the 2 main reasons people recoil against our message and our way of life and why, then, it takes courage to be a witness.

People get upset at our message and for us standing for what is right in God's eyes because it threatens their _____ system. People like to think they _____ the _____ okay—better than most. And they like to believe and be told they can pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. The gospel, however, says we are helplessly _____ and in need of a _____.

People want to be their own _____ and _____ to no one; to be captain of their own soul. The Bible warns that, without God's guidance, we fulfill Prov. 14:12 – “There is a way that _____ to a man, but its end is the way of _____.”

The Scripture is clear. Peter and John's kind of courage is the byproduct of being _____ with _____. Time spent _____ brought about the filling of the Spirit. Sacrificial courage is the result of _____.

At some point, you and I are going to face costly _____ regarding our faith. God will _____ you regarding the right thing to do or say, but you'll be tempted to _____ and _____. Do you want to have the courage to say, “Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him?” Then, get in the _____ of Jesus through Bible study, _____, experiencing His presence in _____ and _____ for Him. The courage you need only comes from proximity to _____.

A Few Announcements:

Don't forget that the Food & Diaper Drive is this Sunday, May 3. Be prepared to bring your donations and place them in the red bins.

Also, the Quarterly Business Meeting is this Sunday, May 3. Agendas are available in the foyer.

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