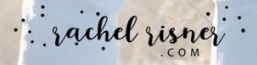


Courageous Hope



Key Scripture

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient
Hebrews 11:31 ESV

What does Biblical hope look like?

1. Courageous hope believes.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1

2. Courageous hope waits.

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.
Micah 7:7

3. Courageous hope acts.

She was shown to be right with God by her actions
James 2:25 NLT

For personal reflection or group discussion.

Get talking. Loosen up with lighthearted conversation.

- Share about one Christmas or birthday present you hoped for as a child. Did you receive it or not?
- What is something that you have had to spend time waiting for in hope?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Rachel shared three characteristics of Biblical hope in the video teaching. Which one do you struggle with the most today?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Rahab was a harlot, and yet showed a grand act of courageous faith. How does remembering our own desperate need for salvation bolster our courage for today?
- Do you act as if God is your only hope, or do you struggle with being overly self-reliant?

Review workbook activities. (Share even more as time allows).

- The book of Joshua tells us over and over, "be strong and courageous!" In your workbook on page 140 what did you write as a situation in which God is calling you to show courage lately?
- On page 143 in the third paragraph Rachel listed some false gods we tend to run to for a sense of security. Which can you relate to most?
- On page 150 Rachel wrote about burdens that can weigh us down. What burdens are you carrying that you can give to God today?

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- Take a practical step towards courageous hope this week—choose one of these action steps:
 - Write out a verse that bolsters your faith and place it where you'll see it frequently.
 - Practice patience by sitting in stillness and quiet with the Lord for a few minutes, intentionally quieting your soul and waiting.
 - Pray about and act on the situation you wrote about on page 140 of your workbook.

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