

You Make Me Brave

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The Context

- Coronavirus Lockdown
 - God not absent – expectant
 - In darkness light is brighter
- **Kingdom advancement**
 - Our revelation – community
- Re-connection with friend
 - Credible Fear
 - 21,000 deaths
- “Silver & Gold I don’t have...”

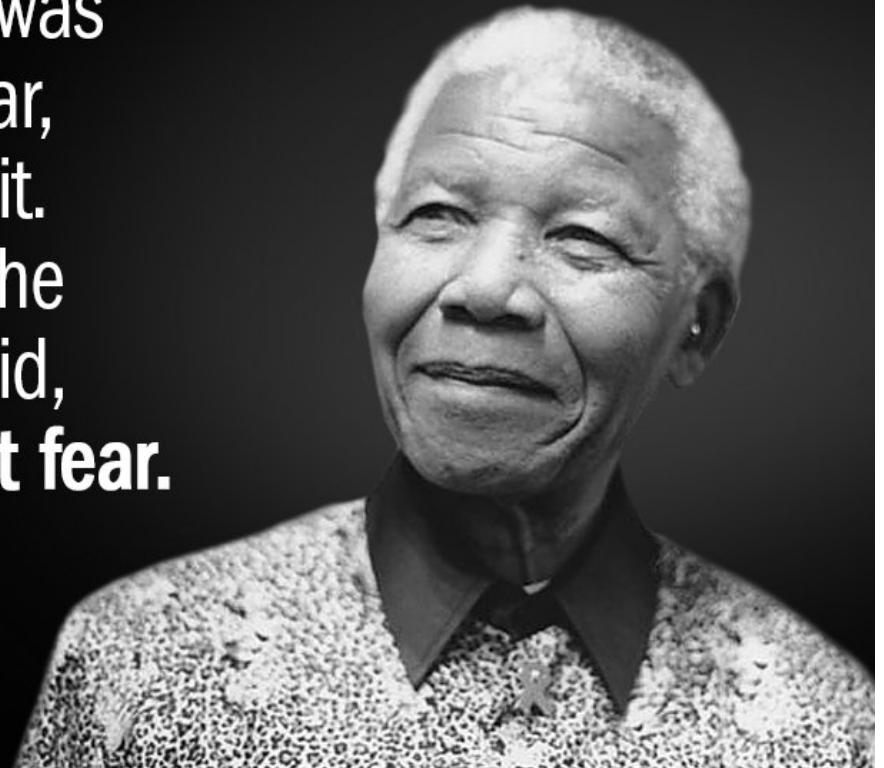
Acts 3:6-10

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

I learned that **courage** was
not the absence of fear,
but the **triumph** over it.
The **brave** man is not he
who does not feel afraid,
but he who **conquers that fear.**

– *Nelson Mandela*

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Fear

Faith

Fight

Surrender

Flight

Stand

Freeze

See

Paul's suffering

Romans 5:3-5

³ Not only so, but we^[a] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us

2 Corinthians 11:23-27

²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have laboured and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

Paul's suffering

2 Corinthians 12:9

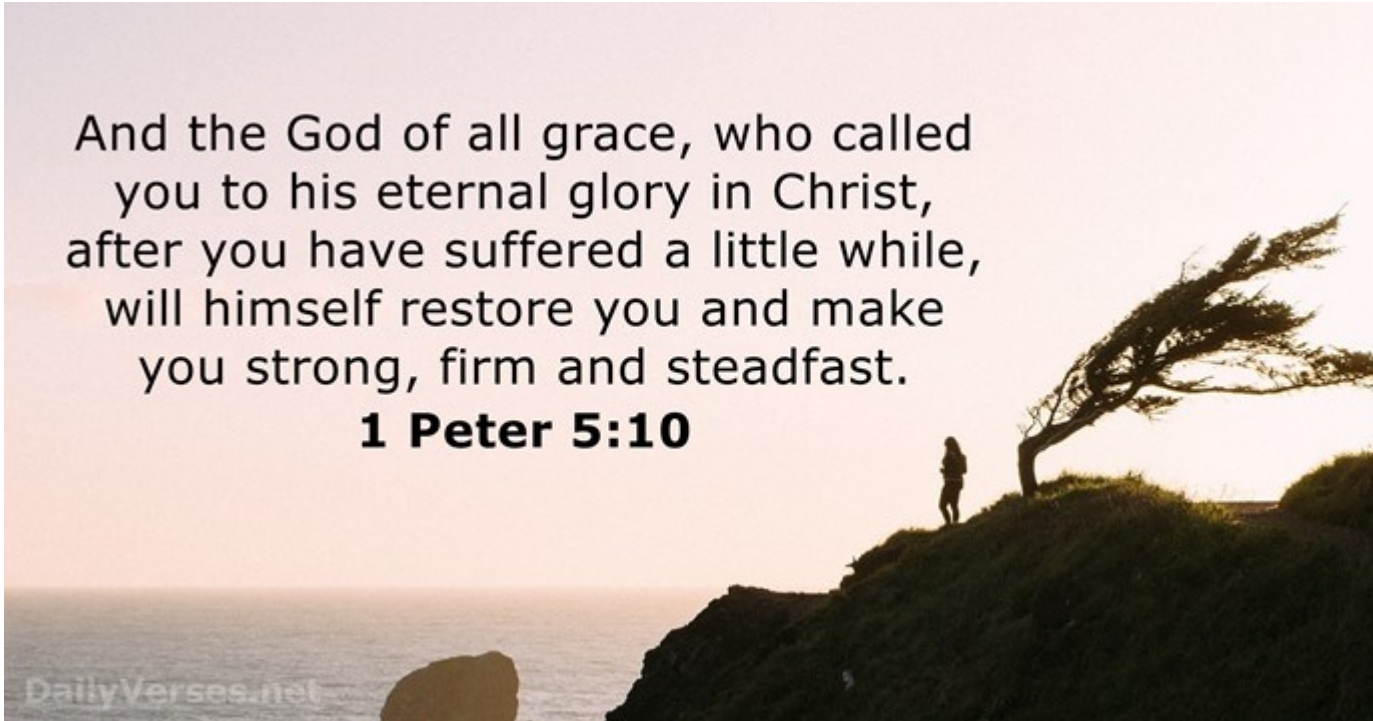
⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.



The God I serve is greater than the sacrifice I save

And the God of all grace, who called
you to his eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while,
will himself restore you and make
you strong, firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:10



Romans 10:17

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Catching God

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- 5 senses; Touch, see, feel, hear, taste
- Gut
- Uncomfortable, annoyed, restless
- Weigh; council, Bible, peace, confirmation

Share It

- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
- Paul
- **Time of opportunity**
- Neighbors, Colleagues, Friends, Family

Conclusion

- Hear God
 - Brake the fear
 - Find the faith/fall into faith
- Recognise the opportunity
- Share the treasure