

### Sufficient Courage

A couple years ago, our oldest son was involved in a month-long Army training exercise in Death Valley, CA. One evening he came across a rattlesnake very close to where he was sleeping outside on the dirt. He had a decision to make, should he shoo it away, hoping it would leave him alone, or kill it? A few of us might be courageous enough to kill it, though I'm not sure I'd be one of them.

Circumstances in life demand varying levels of courage. Sometimes we are able to act upon them, and at other times we cower and choose to run. This is true in the life of believers as well. We are regularly faced with situations that call for us to be courageous: sacrificially giving when our bank account tells us we can't, telling someone about Christ, confronting a fellow believer in sin, or maybe just standing up in the face of persecution.

Two things can motivate us in being courageous for God. First, Christ is glorified through our courageous actions. Paul writes in Philippians 1:20, *I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.* Understanding that He is glorified from our actions, we can often press forward, knowing we serve a much greater purpose than just serving ourselves. In 2 Corinthians 12:9, we read that His grace not only gives us strength, but is also the source of our courage, so being courageous actually begins and ends with Him. He gives us the courage, and then is also glorified when we exhibit it.

A second motivating factor is reward. Exhibiting courage can be difficult, but the Bible tells us that there is reward waiting for us at the end. Revelation 22:12 says, *Look! I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to pay each one according to what he has done!* As believers, not only do we glorify Him through what we do, but we enjoy eternal reward from the things we do for Him.

As we continue running this race together, let me encourage you to be strong and courageous. Stand strong in His grace and allow Him to use you fully to accomplish His kingdom purposes.

Oh, and as for our son, well, he did enjoy a grilled rattlesnake that night.

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### BBC Family Update

- Continue praying for power and protection for Roger and Charlie Bing as they teach in Peru at a Pastors' conference May 29–June 2.
- Pray for Michael Dick, as he goes to the Philippines to attend the Word of Life Bible Institute.
- Welcome Verne Eickhoff, and Randall and Nikki Emery as new Committed to the Community members.



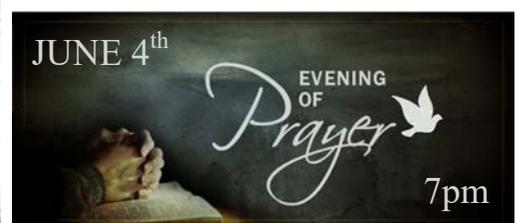
4 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm

17 - Father's Day

10 & 17 - Commitment to the Community class



Sukhwant and Vinita Bhatia  
Charlie and Karen Bing  
Fred and Ruby Amoah-Darko  
Dick Lynch  
Josh and Brenna Marshall  
Jim and Lydia Munn  
Steve and Ruth Porter  
Paul and Cindy Rushing



Are you interested in taking that next step of involvement with BBC? Join us for an informational membership class on June 10th & 17th at 9am, to find out how! Both weeks are required.



# JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Birthdays					1	2
3  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	4  Evening of Prayer 7pm	5	6	7	8	9 * Morgan Thompson
10  COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY CLASS (9AM FOR 2 WEEKS)  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	11	12 * Jamie Beth	13 *Lori Murray	14	15	16
17  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY   9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	18	19	20 * Manuel Cabrera	21	22	23 * Kati Thompson
24  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	25	26	27	28	29	30 * Becky Charpentier