

D E T E R M I N E D
FAITH
S E S S I O N O N E

STRENGTH & COURAGE

We're not the first generation to face challenges, and we won't be the last. We can gain strength and courage when we remember the foundations of our faith and decide to follow them in our daily lives.

Scripture

Exodus 19:1-6 (NIV®)

¹ **In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt**—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ **Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.** Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

10 Non-Negotiable Principles (Exodus 20:3-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21)

1. No Other Gods
2. No Graven Images
3. Do Not Misuse God's Name
4. Remember the Sabbath, Keep It Holy
5. Honor Your Father and Mother
6. Do Not Murder
7. No Adultery
8. No Stealing
9. Do Not Bear False Witness/Tell the Truth
10. Do Not Covet

Discussion Questions

1. When was a time you were hesitant to stand for the Lord because of the potential consequences?
2. In what ways can you intentionally invest in the next generation to help them follow the Lord?
3. After the Lord delivers us, we must learn, grow, and choose to live holy lives. What are some practical things you can do to grow up in the Lord?
4. Every generation must learn to be God's people. What characteristics would be said of our generation, as it is today?
5. Following the Lord requires determination. Where in your life do you need to give more attention to growing spiritually/obedience?
6. What do your priorities say about your determination to follow the Lord?

Let's Pray

Heavenly Father, You have called us and made full provision that we might participate in Your eternal Kingdom. Give us the courage to follow Your direction, the humility to change, the will to persevere, and the strength to pursue Your plans for our lives. May we be found faithful in all You assign to us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer of Salvation

Here's a simple prayer you can pray if you are ready to invite Jesus to be Lord of your life:

Almighty God, I am a sinner and I need a Savior. I believe Jesus is Your Son, and that He died on a cross for my sins. I believe You raised Him to life again for my justification. Forgive me of my sins. I forgive everyone who has sinned against me. Jesus, be Lord of my life. I want to serve You as Lord and King. I thank You that I now belong to the family of God. In Jesus' name, amen.

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