



Day 15: COURAGE TO OVERCOME FEAR

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 10:28 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV)

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

Observation:

I ran into an old friend from the fire department, and he asked what I was doing since retirement. I thought a moment before answering. I thought of how I was beginning my journey with Christ, reading the Bible every day, going to prayer meetings, and Bible studies. Something inside me feared sharing my life with him. The fear of what he would think, fear that others would say I had become a Jesus freak or a holy roller. All those thoughts came into my head. I had a decision to make. Facing the fear of those thoughts seemed to last forever, but I needed to be truthful. How could I read God's Word, hear how we are to confess Him before others and He would confess me before Our Father in heaven, and not come clean? I decided to tell my friend what I was doing since retiring. When I did, my friend wanted to know more about Christ. What I was so afraid to tell turned out to be an opportunity to share Christ. I have used this instance to find courage for years to come.

Application:

- Have you ever been afraid to admit publicly your relationship with Christ?

- Are there friends in your life that do not know you have a relationship with Christ?

- How can you gain strength to share your relationship with Christ by walking in the Spirit?



TOM SEMBER has been involved in ministering to men for over 20 years. He is an ordained minister with the AG in the NY Ministry Network. Tom lives with his wife, Carolyn, and children in New York. You can connect with Tom on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn