



Week 4: "Be Strong and Courageous... The Jesus Way"

Home Plate - Team Huddle Chat / Prayer About Hopes and Fears

What are you excited about and looking forward to this week?

What are you nervous and anxious about this week?

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we are able to talk to God about what's going on in our lives on and off the baseball/softball diamond. In God's Word, Jesus teaches us that we can **pray in his name** anytime, anywhere, and about anything to our Heavenly Father.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that you give us strength and courage to/for... (allow ballplayers/coaches to speak any prayer requests they would like to share with the team)... in the name of Jesus... Amen.

1st Base - Jesus Gives Us Strength and Courage

In what ways does Jesus give us strength and courage... before, during, and after baseball/softball practice/games (i.e. the drive/ride through traffic/congestion/construction to and from practice/games)?

In what ways does Jesus give us strength and courage... wherever we go, all the time?

2nd Base - Bible Verse: Word for The Week

Deuteronomy 31:6 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

What is something you/your team can do to "be strong and courageous... the Jesus way" this week?

3rd Base - The Life (Works & Words) of Jesus Christ The Savior of the World

Jesus demonstrated strength and courage in the most perfect way for us to learn from and live out. Jesus as the God-Man shows us how to be strong and courageous by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Jesus prepared himself (during his childhood, teenage, and young adulthood) for what/the work that His Father had planned/in store for him during the final 3 years (and the final week) of his life on this earth.
- Jesus took on (in the most perfect way) whatever challenges, obstacles, and "giants" he faced (and he "batted a 1.000").
- Jesus died on Good Friday, and rose from the grave 3 days later on Resurrection Easter Sunday.
- Jesus silences all our fears, wipes away our tears, calms our troubled hearts, and lives all blessings to impart.
- Jesus commands and calls us to "do not worry" and to "seek first his righteousness."

Circling the Bases - People in the Bible of Strength and Courage Whose Lives/Legacies Connect to Jesus

David (1 Samuel 16-17, 2 Samuel 2-7) - What can we learn from (King) David about facing our fears and "giants" (including when we are underestimated) on and off the baseball/softball diamond?