



Week 7: “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... pre-game (i.e. warm-ups, waiting for a game to start)?

In what ways does Jesus give us strength and courage... in the dugout and around the ballfields?

2nd Base - Bible Verse: Word for The Week

2 Timothy 1:7 - “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”

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 wasn’t afraid to stand out from the crowd (and even to stand alone and not be popular).
- Jesus didn’t back down from doing the “right” things.
- Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave - to show us how much he loves us.
- Jesus coaches us to love the Lord our God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength.
- Jesus coaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1) - What can we learn from Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, in the Bible about not giving up hope - even when the odds seem stacked against us?

Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1-2, John 19) - What can we learn from Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the Bible about how God works through ordinary people to do extraordinary things, and that each of our stories is a part of God’s story and his plan of salvation?

Mary / Martha, the sisters of Lazarus (Luke 10:38–42, John 11) - What can we learn from Mary / Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, in the Bible about both learning from and serving Jesus?

Mary Magdalene (John 20) - What can we learn from Mary Magdalene in the Bible about how Jesus transforms our lives, and how he equips us to lead in the transformation of our communities?