



Week 8: "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... post-game and in the playoffs?

In what ways does Jesus give us strength and courage... after the baseball/softball game and after the season is over / as "summertime" break/activities conclude and the school year is about to begin again?

2nd Base - Bible Verse: Word for The Week

Psalms 31:24 - "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

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 challenges us and cheers us on to walk with him all of our days to the glory of his name.
- Jesus won for us the greatest victory ever - He is our undefeated, undisputed Champion!
- Jesus is our Living Hope and he has gone into heaven to prepare a place for us.
- Jesus will be with us always even to the very end of the age - as we anticipate the great and glorious day of his return.

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

Stephen (Acts 6-7) - What can we learn from Stephen in the Bible about relying on God's power not our own, and about finding strength and courage in God's presence and promises?

Priscilla with her husband Aquila (Acts 18:18-28, Romans 16:3), and Lydia (Acts 16:13-15) -

What can we learn from Priscilla with her husband Aquila, and Lydia, in the Bible about being strong and courageous... the Jesus way, in helping people to know Jesus more or for the first time?

Paul, aka Saul of Tarsus (Acts, Pauline Epistles) - What can learn from Paul, aka Saul of Tarsus, in the Bible (regardless of how the season/postseason went) about focusing on what is "ahead" / eternity?

Lois, grandmother of Paul / Eunice, mother of Paul (2 Timothy 1:5) - What can we learn from Lois, grandmother of Paul, and Eunice, mother of Paul, in the Bible, about passing on the message of Jesus to others through our actions and words, and doing our part to expand God's Kingdom?