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LIKE A LION

90 DEVOTIONS TO A COURAGEOUS FAITH

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ROAR LIKE A LION



**God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid.
He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.**

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 ICB

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD the saying “as brave as a lion”? We compare being brave to being like a lion because, well, lions aren’t really afraid of much. Not buffalos, rhinos, elephants, or even crocodiles.

The Bible says that “good people are as brave as a lion” (Proverbs 28:1 ICB). They have the courage to do what God says is good and right. Even

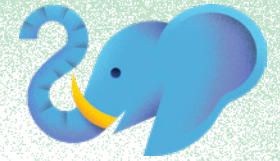
if everyone else is doing wrong. Their lives “roar” with the goodness of God.

If you’ve ever heard a lion roar—whether it’s at the zoo or in a movie—then you know it’s a sound so big and loud that everyone around stops and takes notice. And that’s exactly what God wants your life to do. He wants it to roar so loud that everyone around stops and takes notice.

How can your life roar? Well, it has nothing to do with your vocal cords and everything to do with daring to live differently than the rest of the world. Your life roars when you have the courage to follow God no matter what. Being “as brave as a lion” doesn’t mean you’re never afraid. But it does mean you choose to do the good and right thing anyway. That kind of courage doesn’t come from inside you or from your own strength. That kind of courage only comes from the Spirit and power of God.

So go ahead and roar like a lion. Let the whole world know how awesome and amazing and powerful your God is!

**LORD, HELP ME ROAR LIKE A LION SO THAT I CAN TELL THE
WHOLE WORLD ABOUT YOU. AMEN.**



DID YOU KNOW?

In the wild, lions roar for three reasons: to let other lions know where they are, to show how powerful they are, and to scare off an enemy.

Your life should roar for the same reasons: to let other believers know where you are and that they aren’t alone, to show how powerful God is, and to scare off your enemy, the devil. Because when you roar with the power of God, the devil runs away (James 4:7).

SO YOU WANT TO BE BRAVE

On the day I called to you, you answered me. You made me strong and brave.

PSALM 138:3 NCV

SO YOU WANT TO BE BRAVE. You want to stand up for what's right, help the hopeless, and fight evil. You want to shine the light of God's love and truth into this dark world. You want to fly through the air and swoop down to rescue someone in the nick of time. Okay, maybe not that last one. (But wouldn't that be so cool?) To do those things, you need to be brave. Well, here's what you need to know about being brave:

You don't need muscles like Superman or lightning-fast reflexes like Wonder Woman. You don't need to climb walls

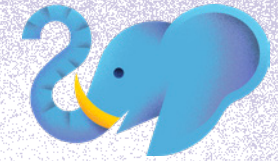


like Spiderman or talk to dolphins like Aqua Man. You don't need Captain America's shield or Iron Man's iron suit. (But again, wouldn't that be so cool?) Truth is, there's only one thing you need to be brave.

God.

Because God has all the super-powers. He soars on the wind to rescue His people (Psalm 18:10). He commands the thunder and the lightning (Psalm 18:14). No enemy can stand up to Him! And when you believe He is who He says He is and that He'll do what He says He'll do—when you love, trust, and obey Him—God will pour His power into you (Ephesians 1:19–20). He will help you be brave enough to do what is right. And that's what makes a real superhero.

LORD, I WANT TO BE BRAVE—NOT SO THAT I CAN BE LIKE A SUPERHERO BUT SO THAT I CAN TELL THE WORLD HOW SUPER-AMAZING YOU ARE. AMEN.



DID YOU KNOW?

The super-est superheroes aren't found in movies or comic books.

They're the real-life ones, like Harriet Tubman. Harriet was born a slave sometime around 1820 or 1821. Life was terrible. She was beaten and often fed only scraps. In 1849, Harriet used the Underground Railroad—a network of people who hid escaping slaves—to get to Pennsylvania and freedom. But that wasn't enough for Harriet. She became a conductor on the Underground Railroad and helped more than three hundred slaves escape. Harriet became known as "Moses," because like Moses in the Bible, she led her people to freedom.

YOU DO YOU?



Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others. And live humbly, trusting your God.

MICAH 6:8 ICB

HAVE YOU HEARD the saying, “You do you”? It’s pretty popular these days. It means you should do your own thing—whatever makes you happy. Of course, that also means that everyone else should be free to do their own thing—whatever makes them happy. Sounds good, right?

Well, what if the thing that makes you happy makes someone else unhappy? Or whatever makes someone else happy leaves you feeling hurt?

That definitely doesn’t sound so good. God has a much better plan. Instead of you do you, God says, you should do what is right for others.

So what does that mean? There’s an awesome verse in the book of Micah that sums it up for us: “Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others. And live humbly, trusting your God” (6:8 ICB). Because, as it turns out, living the way God wants you to isn’t about you at all. It’s about God, and it’s about others. You see, God created you to show everyone around you how amazing and full of love He is. The best way to do that is to treat everyone the way God treats you—with lots of love and kindness.

So instead of ignoring your brother, let him play the video game with you. Instead of interrupting your friends to talk about what you want to talk about, listen to them and show interest in what they care about. Help your dad put away the groceries, and offer to help your mom make dinner.

Get out there and show the world how awesome God really is!

LORD, TEACH ME TO BE THE “ME” THAT YOU CREATED ME TO BE SO I CAN DO WHAT IS RIGHT, BE KIND, AND TRUST IN YOU. AMEN.



**GET
READY TO
ROAR!**

Micah 6:8 gives us three ways to live for God.

Today let’s work on kindness. Of course, we should try to be kind to everyone. But who can you be extra-kind to today? Perhaps you could include your brother or sister in a game with your friends. Or offer to bring in the mail for a neighbor who’s older.

How many different kinds of kind things can you do today?

WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE?



We have many people of faith around us.
Their lives tell us what faith means.

HEBREWS 12:1 ICB

WHEN ASTRONAUT NEIL ARMSTRONG climbed aboard the Apollo 11 in July of 1969, he carried some historical treasures with him. They were pieces of the propeller and fabric from the wing of the Wright Flyer—the plane flown by Orville and Wilbur Wright in the world’s first powered flight back in 1903. Armstrong then went on to make history himself as the first man to step foot on the moon.

Why did Armstrong carry those things all the way into outer space with him? He was a huge admirer of the Wright brothers and had read many of the things they wrote about flying. But more than that, the Wright brothers were the pioneers of aviation (or flying). In many ways, it was their study, research, and inventions that led to the flight to the moon. They made it possible. And Armstrong wanted to remember and honor them.

Who made believing in God possible for you? Who showed you the love and goodness of God? Did you grow up in a family surrounded by people who loved God? Or was it a friend, a teacher, or even a book that pointed you to Him? Say a prayer of thanks to God for them—and tell them thank you, if you can. Then remember and honor what they did for you by showing someone else the love and goodness of God. And who knows? Maybe someday someone will be thanking you for showing them the way to God.

HOLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SHOWN ME HOW GOOD YOU ARE. LET ME LIVE IN A WAY THAT SHOWS OTHERS HOW TO FIND YOU. AMEN.



DID YOU KNOW?

Ten of the most famous words in modern history were spoken by Neil Armstrong when he first stepped out onto the moon: “One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” Turns out there should have been eleven words. What Armstrong actually said was, “One small step for a man.” But whether it was from static or a misunderstanding of Armstrong’s accent, the “a” was lost. So one of the most famous quotes in history isn’t even what was said!

WHAT IF'S AND WHAT IS

Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you.

1 PETER 5:7 NCV

YOU'RE NOT SICK, but there's this icky sort of feeling in your tummy. It doesn't happen every day. But some mornings, even the thought of going to school has your tummy flip-flopping.

There's nothing particularly wrong. You don't have a huge test. And there's no bully waiting for you on the playground. It's just . . . What if you wear the wrong clothes and other kids make jokes? What if you say the wrong thing and look silly? Or you're forced to sit alone in the middle of the lunchroom where everyone stares and points and laughs at you?

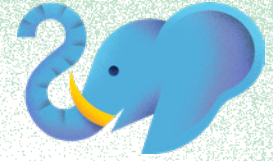
What-ifs are usually the worst things we can imagine, but they're hardly



ever true. They're one of the devil's favorite tricks to keep you worried and afraid. Because if you're worried and afraid, then you aren't being who God created you to be. The best way to get rid of what-ifs is to remind yourself of a few what-is truths. Truths like you are an amazing child of God, God loves you, and He is always ready to listen and help you.

When the devil starts throwing what-ifs at you, don't worry. Get those runaway thoughts under control by writing them down. Because a big part of what makes what-ifs so scary is the way they zip around your brain. As you write, ask God to take care of each one for you. At the end of the day, check back over your list—and thank God for the ways He answered you. Always remember: God's got this, and He's got you! That is what's true.

DEAR GOD, PLEASE GET RID OF ALL THESE WHAT-IFS IN MY HEAD AND FILL MY THOUGHTS WITH WHAT IS TRUE INSTEAD. AMEN.



DID YOU KNOW?

Back in the late 1990s, there was a huge what-if threatening to turn the whole world upside down. It was called Y2K (which means the year 2000). You see, when computers first became popular back in the 1960s, all the programs were set up so that the “19” was left off the year. To a computer, the year 1987 was simply “87.” No one had thought ahead to the year 2000. What if, on January 1, 2000, all the banks, power plants, subways, and so on suddenly thought it was the year 1900 instead of 2000? The computers might crash! And so might the economy! There was a lot of worrying. But in the end, not much of anything happened. Like so many what-ifs, Y2K just went away.

DARE TO DREAM



With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

EPHESIANS 3:20 NCV

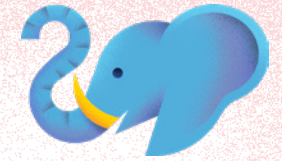
D **O YOU KNOW** that God has hopes and dreams for you? When He created you, He didn't just give you two arms, two legs, a nose, and a couple of eyeballs. He also filled you up with all kinds of wonderful gifts, talents, and abilities. Then He took all those gifts, talents,

and abilities, and He wove them into a plan for your life. It's a good plan for you to do amazing things for Him and for His kingdom. In other words, God's got big dreams for you.

But are your dreams as big as God's dreams? Because it's easy to just wake up, go to school, and do the same things day after day. Have the courage to dream big with God—and then go after His dreams for you. There may be songs inside you waiting to be sung or stories waiting to be written. There could be horses to ride, people to encourage, inventions to create, or some other wonderful thing God created you to do—all so that you can show the world how amazing God is.

Dare to dream—because you can't even imagine all that God has created you to do!

GOD, SHOW ME THE DREAMS YOU HAVE FOR ME—AND HELP ME TO FOLLOW YOU TOWARD THEM EACH DAY. AMEN.



DID YOU KNOW?

You've heard of Disney World, Disneyland, and Walt Disney, right? Disney is huge! But it didn't start out that way. It all started because a man named Walt Disney dared to dream. When he first arrived in California, he only had \$40 in his wallet and a dream. Then, one day, Walt sketched out a mouse named Mortimer—whose name was changed to Mickey—and he's been entertaining children of all ages ever since. What kinds of crazy-wonderful-amazing dreams has God put inside you? Go ahead. Dare to dream!

STAND OUT!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

HEBREWS 13:8 NIV

JESUS NEVER CHANGES. Not ever. He is always good, always loving, and always doing what God the Father says is right. You can count on Jesus because He is always Himself.

How about you?

Do you act like the same person at church and at home as you do at school? Do you use the same words with your friends that you use with your



DID YOU KNOW?

Blending in isn't the only reason chameleons change colors. They also change colors to show emotions like anger or fear. Hmm, that sounds kind of like us, doesn't it? Have you ever "changed your colors" when you're angry or afraid? Ask God to help you show how much you love Him, no matter what you're feeling.

grandma? Do you listen to the same music in your headphones as you do in your parent's car?

Or are you like a chameleon—an animal that changes its color to blend in with its surroundings? Do you change who you are to blend in with the world around you?

Changing who we are to fit in can happen so easily, we might not even know we're doing it. Maybe it's watching videos we know aren't good so that we don't feel left out when friends talk about them. Or maybe we're kind to that not-so-cool kid when she's at church, but we ignore her at school—or worse, laugh at her like everyone else.

God made you to stand out in this world by loving others and doing what He says is right. Sure, it takes courage to stand out, but don't forget you've got the Creator of the Universe on your side to help you. Dare to be like Jesus. Be the same amazing child of God He made you to be—no matter where you go or who you're with.

DEAR GOD, I WANT TO STAND OUT FOR YOU. HELP ME BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SHOW THE WORLD I AM YOURS—WHEREVER I GO AND WHOEVER I'M WITH. AMEN.

Key Selling Points

- Levi Lusko has 303K Instagram followers and has sold over 300,000 books. He is extremely well-received by millennial and Gen X Christians and shares stages with Louie Giglio, Michael Todd, Carl Lentz, Lysa TerKeurst, and many others
 - Ideal for readers ages 6 to 10
 - Action points throughout the book help children apply the teachings to real life
 - Will inspire and remind young children of God's love during uncertain times
 - Levi Lusko lives in Billings, Montana, and is father to four children ages 3 to 14
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Marketing & Publicity Points

- Digital targeting of consumers who purchased trade book title *Through the Eyes of a Lion*
- Market to the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), parochial school libraries, and faith-friendly library conferences (such as Texas Library Association)
- Video vignettes engaging with Lusko and children on the issues addressed in the book
- Partnership with author's ministry
- Outreach to Christian and mainstream print publications
- Outreach to Christian podcasts
- Outreach to national Christian radio
- Outreach to national mainstream TV outlets
- Outreach to trade reviews, such as *Publishers Weekly*, *School Library Journal*, and *Booklist*
- Targeted outreach to Christian TV stations, including *The 700 Club* and *Life Today*
- Blogger campaign to secure reviews and social media endorsements

