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COURAGEOUS CHARLIE AND VODDIE

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One character attribute that makes you undesirable among the masses is courageously speaking the truth about God's design and expectation for humanity. This goes against the grain of the culturally accepted way of life in society and also the church sometimes. Two people who did it well and are no longer with us are brothers Charlie Kirk (31 years) and the renowned theologian and apologist, a Baptist minister Voddie Baucham (56 years). They were both taken away recently to be with the Lord and it makes us wonder as they could have done much more. The Lord is wiser than us and therefore we surrender to His will.

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They both remind me of the verse in Matthew 11:12, “ 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” Jesus said this while stating that John the Baptist was the greatest prophet ever born but he who is least in the kingdom of God is now greater. What a privilege! John the Baptist also was martyred while young because he courageously spoke the truth against immoral behavior. I will present three things that we can learn from them to emulate this virtue of courage.

Dark Forces – We need to understand that the Kingdom of God is not a simple thing to be a part of because dark forces constantly wage war against it. But the Kingdom of our Lord keeps progressing. Therefore, if we have truly entered the kingdom of God we are also under attack. Courage can be defined as the nature of being afraid but still doing it because our King has got our backs no matter what. The scripture says in, Joshua 1:8-10, “ 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” When we consistently aspire to live the truth, we will be making inroads into the evil spiritual realm.

Devoted – We need to be zealously devoted to Jesus our commander in chief. Jesus ministered and taught with courage because He was totally and passionately devoted to His Father’s will. Being zealous means loving God with everything that we have, with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind (Luke 10:27). When we love God, we will show it by boldly obeying His commands whether we like it or not (John 14:23-24).

Declare – We need to be ready to answer boldly regarding the beliefs we profess, when asked. Peter the apostle writes in I Peter 3:15-16, “ 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.” We need to develop the character that will back up the message we declare with our deeds and words in the situation the Lord has placed us in.

Dear TGC family, let us rise with courage and engage in the battle with the dark forces courageously, devoted to our commander the Lord Jesus and declare that Jesus is Lord! Amen!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Yesuraj	October 06
Rubin Solomon	October 08
Sarah Jess Jebastine	October 10
Allen Jayaraj	October 12
Aden Wins	October 13
Taphath Precious	October 13
Basmath Gracious	October 13
Samara Venu	October 16
Samuel Baskar	October 19
Samuel Paul Anbu	October 19
Kamatchi Bilson	October 30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Win Russal & Evelin Win
October 14

October

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	2	3 7 pm • Small Groups Study	4 • First Saturday Morning Prayer
5 5 pm: • Pastor Appreciation Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	6	7	8 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	9	10 9 pm: • A Night of Prayer	11
12 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Girls Youth Group • Tamil Class	13	14 7 pm: • Elders Meeting	15 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	16	17 8 pm: • Small Groups Study	18 9 am: • Wonder Women – Women's retreat 9 am: • CUP Outreach
19 5 pm: • Missions Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class • Youth Group	20	21	22 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	23	24 7 pm: • Volunteer Night	25
26 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	27	28	29 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	30	31 8 pm: • Small Groups Study	