

We Also Will Be With Thee: Be of Good

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Even small actions of encouragement and support can lead to great results when done with courage and a willingness to act.

Scripture: Joshua 7:1, Ezra 10:4

Topics: "Courage", "Support in Leadership"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the importance of courage and collective support in the face of challenges, drawing parallels to the story of Achan and the need for confession before communion with God can be restored. He encourages individuals to be ready to act, even if they are not in positions of leadership like Ezra or Nehemiah, and to support those who are. Meyer highlights that even small acts of encouragement can lead to significant outcomes, urging believers to stand by and uplift those who are called to lead. He calls for a spirit of magnanimity, recognizing and supporting the unique gifts of others for the greater good of the community.

Transcript

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courage, and do it. Ezra x. 4.

THIS narrative reminds us of the story of Achan, who took of the accursed thing, and kindled the anger of the Lord against the children of Israel. There must be confession and the putting away of evil ere communion with God can be re-established.

It is not given to every one to be an Ezra. There are abuses to deal with, and wrongs to right, on every side; but they require to be dealt with by those who are specially adapted or qualified for the work. Be always ready to do such work, if there should be no one else. It was the life motto of a great man always to act as though there were no one else who would. Still, Nehemiahs and Ezras are not given very largely to the Church or the world; and, for the most part, we must be content to be of those who say, "Be of good courage, and do it; we also will be with thee." But though this seems but a little thing, it may lead to great results. Many a man has been urged to a noble deed by the encouragement he received at a critical hour from some unknown and obscure disciple.

If you cannot do a great thing, identify yourself with one who can. Stand by him, identify yourself with him in public or private, by sympathy and prayer. Though the strongholds of evil are great and high, they may be swept away before an avalanche of snowflakes, any one of which would melt in the warm hand of a child.

Oh for more of that magnanimity, which is quick to recognise the matters that belong to certain elect souls ‑‑ not envying, nor disparaging, but frankly confessing their eminent qualifications, and falling in to further and accelerate their success, which will be the gain of all!

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