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**Joe Macer - Speaker**

# Informer



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## Courage

There are so many times in life that pressures surround us, expectations press us and problems seem to want to crush us. When we face these times it is easy to become overwhelmed and allow fear to creep into our lives. Fear can be debilitating if we let it. It can cause us to run and hide, withdraw from friends and the church, and can ultimately take joy out of our lives. Over 110 times in Scripture we are told not to fear. So what should we do when faced with scary things in our lives? In Isaiah 41:10 God told the Israelites:

*Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God.*

*I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*

Our Father in heaven does not tell us there is nothing to fear. He tells us to replace fear in our lives with a great awareness of His presence. In times of doubt, fear, and turmoil we must focus on His promises to be with us, strengthen, help and uphold us through the struggles of this life. He wants us to be courageous. Courage is defined as the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc., without fear. Courage comes when you have confidence in the importance of the cause in which you are endeavoring. We must remember that we are children of the King. We are to be working in the greatest Kingdom that will ever exist and God is on our side. There is nothing to fear. So take courage. See you Sunday!

John

## To The Unmarried

*I Corinthians 7:26 Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for you to remain as you are.*

From Mother's Day to Father's Day, we have been looking at Scriptures that deal with family. Rightly so, the family is to be stressed. Individuals often overlooked are the singles. Scriptures have concepts presented for them as well. In I Corinthians 7, verses 25-35 are directed to single men and women. First, he makes it clear that there is nothing wrong with getting married. I believe life would be very difficult for me without a wife, however some people will thrive with singleness and that is perfectly fine as well. Paul gives several reasons why the single Christians at Corinth should stay as they are.

First, Paul said there was a crisis going on. Life would be easier for the single in this crisis. When you are attacked for your Christianity it is much simpler when you are single. While persecution is hurtful, it is even more hurtful to see your spouse or children being harmed. Life was tough at that time. Second, married life will face troubles that singleness will spare you from. Christian marriages can have sin creep in and relationships damaged; illnesses, diseases and injuries occur to the spouse or children. All marriages will have some struggles and concerns. Third, is your ability to serve God. God commands and demands that we provide for our families. This requires much time, effort and expenses. A single person can devote more time to the work of God than a married person. The Apostle Paul felt he had much fewer distractions because he was unmarried.

So the choice to marry or not to marry is up to the individual. To the single, do not be in so much of a hurry to find a mate that you accept anything that comes along. Being single is far superior to being in a bad marriage - choose wisely and godly. Pick someone that will help you to serve God better.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
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**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Helen Deen - mother of Sharon Davis, Barbara Skelley, mother of Tommy, Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Linda Hanback, friend of the Mobley's - cancer, Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Stacey Brown - niece of Cindy Hargrove double lung transplant, Ricky Harrington - uncle of Kaye Beard's grandson, Jean Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Natalie Kuykendall - undergoing chemo, Aaron Way - great nephew of Barry Brown - 5934 Ash Hill Rd., Spring Hill 27174, William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barber's - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Ctr., 3333 Burnett Ave., Unit A5S, Rm. 5541, Cincinnati, OH 45229, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8

**WORSHIP LEADERS JUNE 25, 2017**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Greg Lusk  
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jody Pritchett  
     Kevin Mick                      Jim Anderson  
     Tommy Hight                    Conner Arnett  
     Mike Kinzer                     Ed Hargrove  
     John Massey                    Sonny Hargrove  
 Read: Romans 15:4-6.....Benny Bolton  
 Sermon: Watch Out For Pitfalls.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice  
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis  
 Read: Romans 5:1-11.....Boyd Wood  
 Sermon: At Peace With God.....Joe Macer  
 Presiding.....Nathan Hixson  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Mike Lyle

Ushers: Danny Lasater, Ryan Massey, Chris Lewis  
 Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Johnnie Johnson  
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Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Jason Kelley, Bobby Daniels

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**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Addison Elrod, Teri Wilkins  
 P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

**VBS—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**

**6:15-6:30 Registration  
 6:20 - Singing Begins  
 6:35 - Dismiss to Class**