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              -Publisher

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. After the video is shown, use it to illustrate the points that follow]

WHY PUBLISHERS NEED COURAGE (2 min.)

We commend all who are publishers of the good news! (Isa 52:7)

You are sharing in a lifesaving, God-assigned work

What challenges might you face as a Kingdom publisher?

You may encounter apathy or even hostility

You may find some aspects of the ministry intimidating

How can you act in harmony with today's theme and show "all the more courage to speak the word of God fearlessly"? (Php 1:14)

In the following video, note how a publisher responded when faced with a choice that called for courage

VIDEO (2 min.)

HOW PUBLISHERS CAN CULTIVATE AND DISPLAY COURAGE (4 min.)

[Read 1 Thessalonians 2:2] When Paul and Silas encountered opposition to their ministry, they 'mustered up boldness by means of their God'

How can you similarly 'muster up boldness'?

Rely on Jehovah, and pray for his holy spirit (1Pe 4:11)

Jehovah has chosen you and equipped you for the work he has assigned

Read the Bible regularly, and meditate on it

Fully absorb the meaning and importance of God's Word

Doing so can affect your inmost feelings and help you to view the ministry as a privilege (w08 7/15 8-9 ¶6-7)

Work along with experienced publishers

Paul drew strength from such zealous companions as Barnabas, Silas, and Priscilla and Aquila

Share in the ministry as often as possible (Heb 13:15)

Frequent participation will help you feel more at ease

As you accomplish your ministry in Jehovah's strength, you will have reason to "boast in Jehovah" (1Co 1:31; w05 2/15 13 ¶5)

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ will now present the next talk of this symposium, "Be a Courageous . . . Marriage Mate"

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