

No. 23      Be a Courageous . . . (Symposium)  
              -Pioneer

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

WHY PIONEERS NEED COURAGE (1 min.)

If you are a pioneer, we commend you for your zeal for the ministry and  
your spirit of self-sacrifice

You need courage to meet the challenges of your full-time ministry

    You may have difficulty finding suitable part-time work

    You may struggle to keep up with the rising cost of living

    You may have health problems or struggle with limited physical  
    stamina

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

VIDEO (2 min.)

HOW PIONEERS CAN CULTIVATE AND DISPLAY COURAGE (5 min.)

Meditate on how Jehovah helped his servants in the past

    During a time of severe economic hardship, Elijah trusted in Jehovah  
    to provide for his daily material needs

    As the drought continued and the famine intensified, Jehovah  
    sustained him in unexpected ways [Read 1 Kings 17:6-9, 12, 16]

Cherish your privilege of service (2Co 4:1, 7)

    When trials arise, do not be quick to discontinue pioneering

    Pray to Jehovah, and allow time for him to act (Isa 59:1)

    [Relate a published experience of a pioneer who trusted in  
    Jehovah. See *The Watchtower* of June 15, 2006, page 14, paragraph  
    1, or the *Watch Tower Publications Index* entry "Pioneers,"  
    subheading "Experiences"]

    Keep your life simple (Mt 6:22, ftn.; cf 52-53 ¶14-15)

    If you must discontinue pioneering, do not conclude that you have  
    failed or that Jehovah has failed you

    In the future, you may be able to pioneer again (w12 7/15 32)

Do not neglect your spirituality (Php 1:10; 1Ti 4:16)

    You need strong faith to maintain a demanding spiritual routine and  
    to continue preaching despite trials

May Jehovah richly bless your full-time ministry! (Pr 10:22; 11:25)

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

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