

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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