

No. 28 Imitate, Not the Cowards, But the Courageous! (Symposium)
 -Not the False Prophets, But Micaiah

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video]

COURAGE ENABLES US TO STAND OUT AS DIFFERENT (1 min.)

A true prophet living during Ahab's reign needed great courage
Hundreds of prophets told Ahab what he wanted to hear (1Ki 22:6)
But Micaiah was different; Ahab knew that even in the face of death,
Micaiah would speak the truth (1Ki 22:8)

COURAGE ENABLES US TO SPEAK UP (2 min.)

Micaiah was not afraid to stand alone for truth (1Ki 22:11, 12)

Imagine yourself in his situation:

You find yourself in front of two powerful kings—one has condoned
the murder of anyone standing in his way

Four hundred false prophets encircle King Ahab, flattering him
with reassurances of victory in battle

Even the messenger sent to call you pressures you to tell the king
what he wants to hear (1Ki 22:13)

Micaiah responded courageously! [Read 1 Kings 22:14]

What is the lesson? Godly courage will fortify us never to compromise
in defending the truth, even in the face of death

HAVING EYES OF FAITH STRENGTHENS OUR COURAGE (2 min.)

What was the source of Micaiah's courage?

Jehovah showed him a vision of the angels (1Ki 22:19)

Micaiah learned how Jehovah would defeat Ahab (1Ki 22:20-23)

The vision assured Micaiah that he was not alone and that Jehovah
was in full control

Even when threatened with imprisonment, Micaiah was courageous (1Ki
22:27, 28)

What was the outcome for Micaiah?

He was vindicated as Jehovah's prophet; his prophecy came true—King
Ahab died in battle (1Ki 22:34-38)

What is the lesson? When faced with opposition, recall

faith-strengthening scenes from God's Word; meditate on them now!

In the following dramatization, note how a young brother is
strengthened by what he has previously studied

VIDEO (2 min.)

CONQUER THE WORLD BY YOUR FAITH (1 min.)

Our courage enables us to shout in triumph (Ps 95:1-3)

"Jehovah is a great God" who protects and rewards his servants
Be determined to stand out as different from this wicked world, to
speak the truth, and to see our great God with eyes of faith!

Let us give our attention to Brother _____ as he
presents the next part of this symposium, "Imitate, Not the Cowards,
But the Courageous!—Not Urijah, But Jeremiah"

TO BE COVERED IN 8 MINUTES