

# Call For Courage

What are some moments in your mission that called for courage that ultimately led to someone being taught the gospel?

"It is often difficult to be different and to stand alone in a crowd. It is natural to fear what others might think or say. Comforting are the words of the psalm: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" As we make Christ the center of our lives, our fears will be replaced by the courage of our convictions." (Be Example and a Light Thomas s. Monson. October 2015)



What does it take for us  
to be courageous in  
fulfilling our missionary  
purpose?

# Ether

And Ether was a prophet of the Lord; wherefore Ether came forth in the days of Coriantumr, and began to prophesy unto the people, for he could not be restrained because of the Spirit of the Lord which was in him.

For he did cry from the morning, even until the going down of the sun, exhorting the people to believe in God unto repentance lest they should be destroyed, saying unto them that by faith all things are fulfilled

*Ether 12:2-3*



# Alma

And now it came to pass that the sons of Alma did go forth among the people, to declare the word unto them. And Alma, also, himself, could not rest, and he also went forth.

Alma 43:1



# Enos

And I saw that I must soon go down to my grave, having been wrought upon by the power of God that I must preach and prophesy unto this people, and declare the word according to the truth which is in Christ. And I have declared it in all my days, and have rejoiced in it above that of the world.

Enos 1:26



# Nephi

Blessed art thou, Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word, which I have given unto thee, unto this people. And thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life, but hast sought my will, and to keep my commandments.





# Blessings

And now, because thou hast done this with such unwearyingness, behold, I will bless thee forever; and I will make thee mighty in word and in deed, in faith and in works; yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word, for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.

*Helaman 10: 5*

## Where does courage come from?

“In addition to authority, you need spiritual power to fulfill your calling. God gives spiritual power as you **consistently (Courageously)** work to strengthen your testimony of Him, Jesus Christ, and the gospel truths you teach. He bestows spiritual power as you pray, study the scriptures, and seek to fulfill your missionary purpose. He grants spiritual power as you strive to keep His commandments and the covenants you made when you received the ordinances of salvation” (Power and authority of your calling chapter 1, new PMG)

# Six steps to being courageous

1. **Cultivate a desire to be courageous (Enos 1:9; Alma 32:27; Alma 22:15-16; D&C 137:9; Mosiah 28:3; PMG 2 chapter 9, pg 166)**
2. **Powerful personal scripture study - Alma 17:2-3; PMG 2, pg 19**  
**Seek the Spirit**
3. **Pray in faith and by faith - Doctrine and Covenants 42:14**
4. **Gain a testimony of Christ - Alma 5: 46-48**
5. **Live worthy of your calling - Doctrine and Covenants 35:24 The blessings flowing down into your life are coming through your covenant connection with God.**
6. **Just go - Remember, faith is a principle of action and of power. Exercise faith to find. Exercise faith when you teach.**

**(1 Nephi 4:6; PMG 2 chapter 9, pg 162)**

# How we know we're courageous

- We talk to everyone
- We actively teach the 40 principles from PMG
- We continuously invite people to make and keep commitments
- We invite everyone that has come to church or is keeping commitments to be baptised and confirmed



Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Deuteronomy 31:6