**Unstoppable Courage**

**(part 2)**

***Enabled to Press On***

**FOCAL VERSE: 2 Timothy 1:7**

***“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”***

**THREE INGREDIENTS TO UNSTOPPABLE COURAGE:**

* **POWER = STRENGTH of Courage**
* **LOVE = SPIRIT of Courage**
* **SOUND MIND = STABILITY of Courage**

**The Apostle Paul’s Testimony**

“I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” – Philippians 3: 13b-14 (NLT)

**1. USE the Mind God Gave You.**

***Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*** – Colossians 3: 2 (NKJV)

***Gird up the loins of your mind. –*** 1 Peter 1:13 (KJV)

**2. GUARD the Mind God Gave You.**

***“Be on your guard, so that your minds are not dulled from carousing, drunkenness, and worries of life***… - Luke 21:34 (CSV)

(Further Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 1-9)

***Then the whole community of Israel set out from Elim and journeyed into the wilderness of Sin, between Elim and Mount Sinai. They arrived there on the fifteenth day of the second month, one month after leaving the land of Egypt. There, too, the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron.“If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death***.” – Exodus 16: 1-3

***Then I replied to him, “There is nothing to these rumors you are spreading; you are inventing them in your own mind.” For they were all trying to intimidate us, saying, “They will drop their hands from the work, and it will never be finished.” But now, my God, strengthen my hands. -*** Nehemiah 6: 8-9 (CSB)

**3. TRUST the Mind God Gave You.**

***“All those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. Evil people and impostors will become worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed.”***

– 2 Timothy 3: 12-14 (HCSB)

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.*** – Proverbs 3: 5-6