

Keep Up Your Courage

Acts 27

Risk Tolerance Continuum

A common assumption that is a bad assumption:

Faith = _____

Wisdom = _____

How do faith and wisdom fit in the Christian life?

Setting for Acts 27

For over 2 years, Paul has been in prison enduring injustice and attempts to kill him

Paul decided that his only way out was to appeal to _____

His trial would be before the _____

After the final inquiry before a governor and king:

They decided: Paul is _____

But he must go to Caesar in _____ because he appealed to Caesar

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Luke describes:

Debate about how _____ the situation was

Debate about how _____ the response should be

Debate about _____ to take the right action earlier

_____ of not knowing where they were or what would happen next

Paul and his companions were literally in the _____ as the rest of the people

What did Luke want the churches to learn from the story?

The Big Idea:

Following God includes

deep _____ in Him and His promises

AND

_____ and obedient living

richly _____ together

in great _____

A bad assumption:

Faith and wisdom/skill are to be _____ against each other

The truth:

Faith and wisdom/skill are to be richly _____

Application:

We are to fully trust:

God's _____

God's _____

God's _____

We are to use:

_____ decisions

_____ actions

_____ speech

Richly intertwined

Wisdom & skill & action are to be expressions of _____ in God

Our faith is to be expressed in _____

With great _____

In all areas of life: " _____ " and the rest

Whether OUR _____ are met or not

Philippians 2:12-13

Make our actions be an expression of our _____ in Christ

Put our faith into courageous _____

Human actions are a key part of _____ the promises of God

Be strong and courageous through _____ and _____!

Reflection

- Where do you tend to fall on the "risk tolerance continuum"? That is, are you more inclined to minimize and avoid risk, or are you more willing to put up with risk? Why might that be?
- In what areas of your life might you find yourself in the lower-left corner of "Frozen in fear or denial or despair"?
- In what areas of your life might you find yourself in the upper-left corner of "Skilled humanism: trusting humanity rather than God"?
- In what areas of your life might you find yourself in the lower-right corner of "Foolish faith: Let go and let God"?
- What does the upper right corner of "Faith-filled skill & discipline" look like for you? What could help you grow in the direction?
- What is one action you will take today that lives out this faith-filled skill & discipline for the challenges you face today?

