

The Courage to Pursue Your Writing Dreams

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This workshop combines teaching with time for the attendees to participate in small group discussion and private prayer and journaling. It offers the following topics for the acronym of COURAGE:

- C – Calling
- O – Open Your Heart To God’s Probing And Prompting
- U – Unleash Your Passion
- R – Reject The Lies That Hold You Back & Rest In Truth For Your Writing Journey
- A – Accept The Identity God Gives You
- G – Greet Each New Step By Reaffirming Your Trust In God’s Hand And Heart
- E – Empowered By The Holy Spirit

C – Calling: A firm conviction that god has created you to write will stay you during the most difficult writing seasons.

Suggested Resource – Marlene Bagnull’s Bible Study, Write His Answer
(<http://www.writehisanswer.com/biblestudies.htm>)

O – Open Your Heart to God’s Prodding and Prompting

Resources: *Praying God’s Word* by Beth Moore; *The Bondage Breaker* by Neil Anderson;
Breaking Free by Beth Moore

U – Unleash Your Passion

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A - Accept The Identity God Gives You

Resource: *Victory Over the Darkness* by Neil Anderson; www.ficm.org

G – Greet Each New Step By Reaffirming Your Trust In God’s Hand And Heart

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The Courage to Pursue Your Writing Dreams – Extra Resources

Quotes For Courage

My inadequacies aren't all there is to me, within me resides God's very nature of love, compassion, boldness, and wisdom and this is actually more central to who I am than any of my shortcomings. ~Dwight Edwards

All our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God. ~Oswald Chambers

You are not the source—you are the instrument. ~M. Gantt

It is not about me making my mark, but Him making His mark on me. ~ M. Gantt

*Put on the new self, which is being renewed in the knowledge and image of the Creator.
~The Apostle Paul*

*I will lead you on the best pathway for your life. I will guide you and watch over you.
~God (Psalm 32:8)*

God is attracted to weakness. He can't resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need Him. Our weakness, in fact, makes room for His power. ~Jim Cymbala

Deeper than our sin, deeper than our pain, deeper than our fears is something clean, pure, and Godly within us that ceaselessly yearns to know and reflect God. ~Dwight Edwards

*We slander God by our very eagerness to work for Him without knowing Him.
~Oswald Chambers*

Live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith. ~The Apostle Paul

*Faith is unutterable trust in God, trust that never dreams He will not stand by us.
~Oswald Chambers*

If there is any remnant of human conceit left, it always says 'I can't.' ~Oswald Chambers

*You are the fragrance of Christ . . . You are Christ's letter written for all to read . . .
~Paraphrased from the writings of the Apostle Paul*

God is reminding me that He is sufficient, even when I could just curl up and cry and hide from the world and all He's called me to do. He is victorious. He is good. He is sufficient. And He lives in me. In my weakness He is strong. ~Paula Moldenhauer

Let the rabbit disappear (worried, cowardly) . . . underneath is a child of God, strong, radiant, wise, beautiful, and drenched with joy. ~Paraphrased from C.S. Lewis

Re-wiring

Original document found at: <https://fcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Truth-About-Me.pdf>

Our old ‘programming’ – How I FEEL/THINK about myself. I renounce the LIE that:	What is TRUE about me. What GOD’S WORD Says About Me. This is TRUTH!! I declare the Truth that IN CHRIST:
I am unlovable.	I AM VERY LOVED! John 15:9; Rom. 8:35-39; Eph. 2:4-6; I John 3:1a, 4:10, 10
I am unacceptable.	I AM ACCEPTED! John 15:15-16; Eph. 1:3-6
I am unworthy.	I AM RIGHTEOUS! Rom. 8:31-34; I Cor. 6:19-20; II Cor. 5:21
I am inadequate.	I AM ADEQUATE! II Cor. 2:14; 3:5-6; 12:9; Phil. 4:13
I am a failure.	I AM VICTORIOUS! Rom. 8:37; II Cor. 2:14; I John 5:4
I am fearful.	I AM FREE FROM FEAR! Ps. 4:8; 27:1; 32:7; II Tim. 1:7; I John 4:18
I am anxious.	I AM CONTENT! Ps. 4:8; 37:5; Phil.4:6-7, 11; Heb. 13:5; I Pet. 5:7
I am weak.	I AM STRONG IN CHRIST! Acts 1:8; II Cor. 12:9-10; Eph. 1:19; 3:16; Phil. 4:13
I am not very smart or good enough.	I HAVE GOD’S WISDOM! John 15:15; 16:13-14; I Cor. 1:30; James 1:5; I John 2:20-21, 27
I am in bondage.	I AM FREE! John 8:32, 36; II Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1, 13a
I am unwanted and belong to no one.	I HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY GOD AND AM HIS CHILD! Rom. 8:16, 17; Gal.4:5-7; I John 3:2
I feel guilty.	I AM TOTALLY FORGIVEN! Eph. 1:7; 2:13; Col. 1:14
I am depressed	I HAVE THE JOY OF THE LORD! John 15:11; 17:13; Rom. 15:13; I John 1:4
There is nothing special about me.	I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN, SET APART BY GOD! John 15:16; I Cor. 1:30; 6:11; I Peter 2:9
I am hopeless.	I HAVE ALL THE HOPE I NEED! Rom. 8:20-25; 15:4, 13; Col. 1:26-27; I Peter 1:3
I feel condemned.	I AM BLAMELESS! John 3:18; 5:24; Rom. 8:1
I am alone.	I AM NEVER ALONE! Rom. 8:38-39; Heb. 13:5
I can’t reach God.	I HAVE ACCESS TO GOD ---- anytime! Eph. 2:18; Heb. 4:14-16; I Peter 2:5, 9; I John 5:14-15
I am afraid of Satan.	I HAVE AUTHORITY OVER SATAN! Col. 1:13; I John 4:4; Rev. 12:7-11
I have no confidence.	I HAVE ALL THE CONFIDENCE I NEED! Prov.3:26; 14:26; 28:1; Eph. 3:12; Phil. 1:6; Heb. 10:19; I John 5:14

I am a temple in which God’s Holy Spirit dwells. (1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Tim. 1:14)

Adapted from writings of Neil Anderson

Go to Scriptures for Courage

I am accepted...

John 1:12

I am God's child.

John 15:15

As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

I have been justified.

1 Corinthians 6:17

I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 12:27

I am a member of Christ's body.

Ephesians 1:3-8

I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.

Colossians 1:13-14

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Colossians 2:9-10

I am complete in Christ.

Hebrews 4:14-16

I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I am secure...

Romans 8:1-2

I am free from condemnation.

Romans 8:28

I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:31-39

I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:1-4

I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6

I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.

Philippians 3:20

I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7

I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.

1 John 5:18

I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I am significant...

John 15:5

I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.

John 15:16

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:16

I am God's temple.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

Ephesians 2:6

I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2:10

I am God's workmanship.

Ephesians 3:12

I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

(From **Victory Over the Darkness** , by Dr. Neil Anderson)

Other suggested Resources:

The book of Ephesians in the Bible

The book of John in the Bible

The book of Romans in the Bible

Praying God's Word by Beth Moore

The Bondage Breaker by Neil Anderson

Breaking Free by Beth Moore

Revolution Within by Dwight Edwards

When God Speaks to My Heart (devotional) by Rosalie Willis

The Sacred Romance by Brent Curtis and John Eldredge