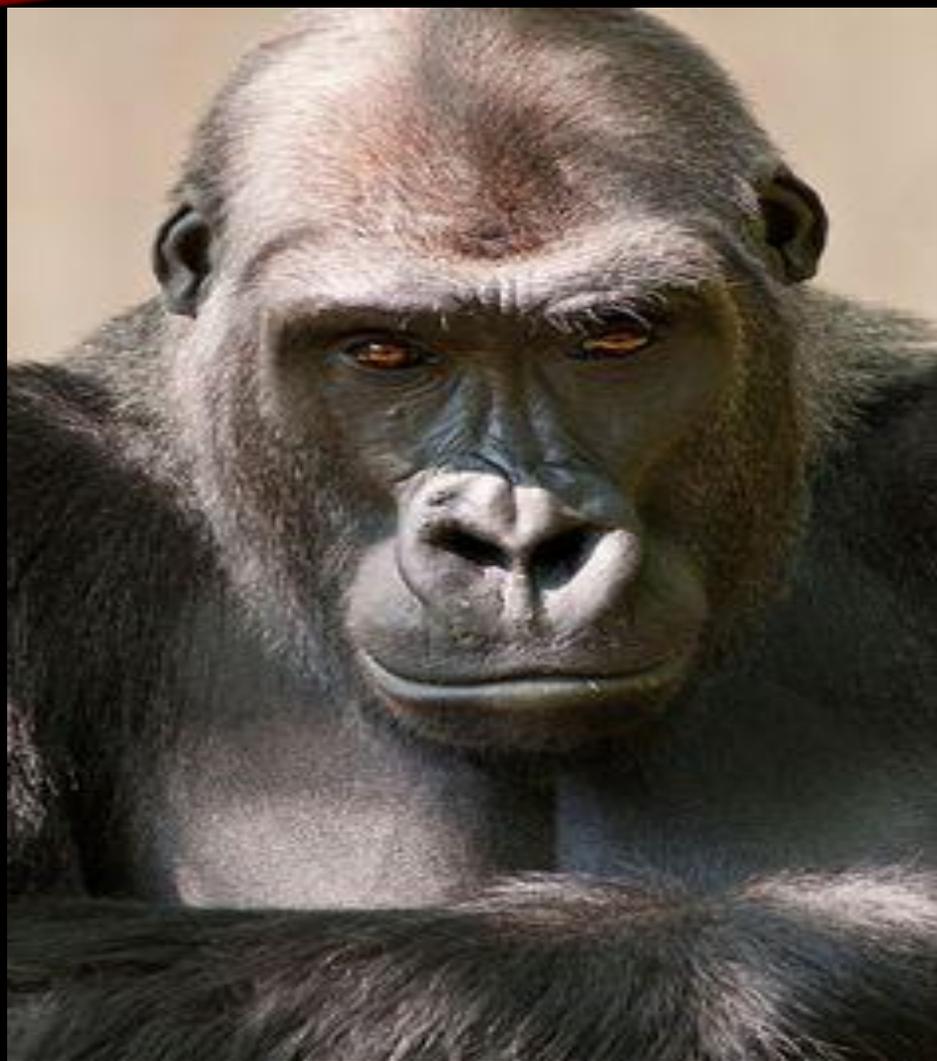




FAITH



“Joy is the  
**serious**  
business of  
heaven.”  
- C.S. Lewis



# More faith?

“Lord, increase our faith”

“If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” (Mt 17:20)



# Jesus - different level of faith?

Philippians 2 v 7 (The MSG)

.....he (Jesus) set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave...

Having become human, he stayed human.

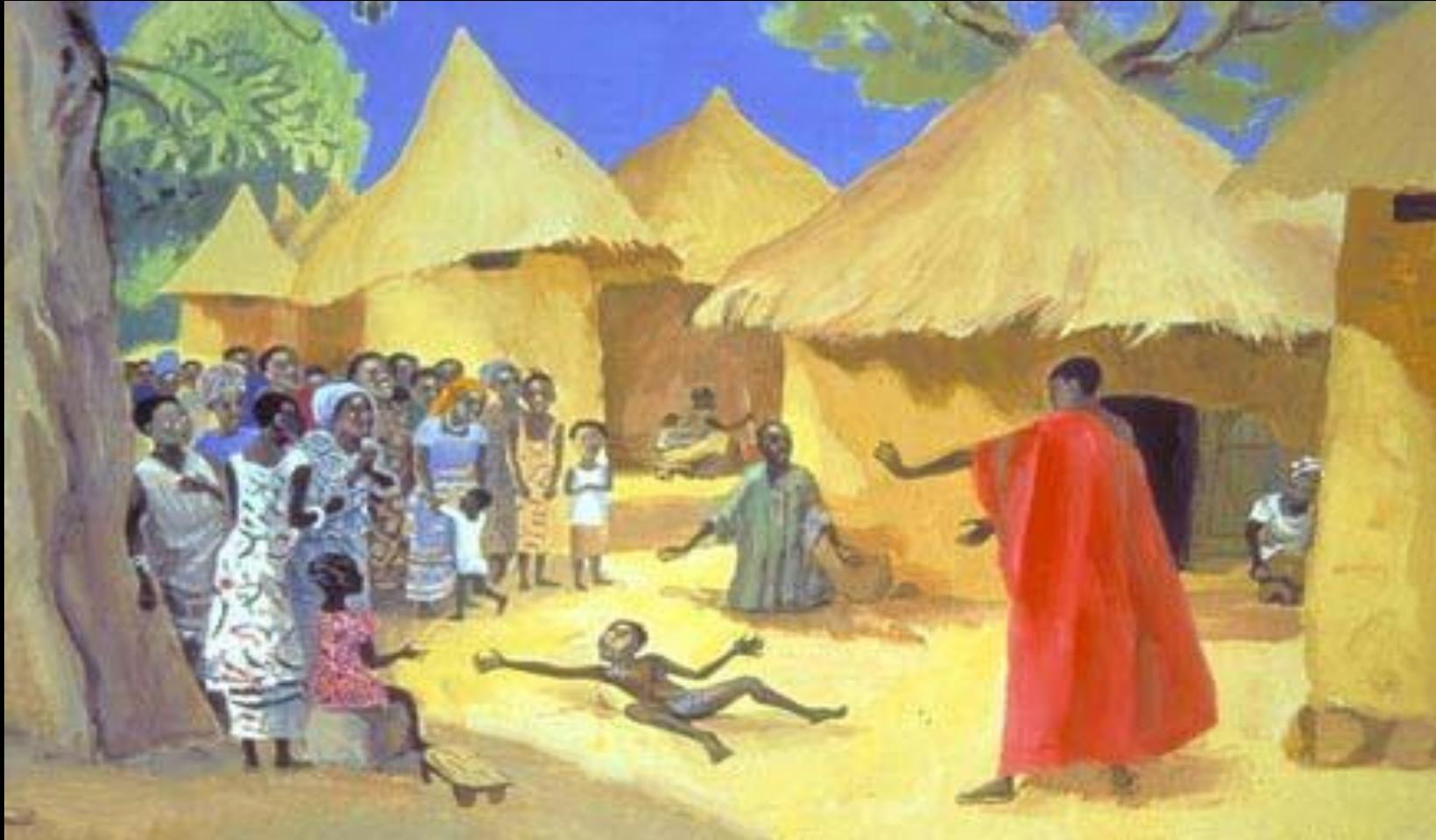
It was an incredibly humbling process.

He didn't claim special privileges.

John 14:12

I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father.

What was the disciples' problem?



- A man approaches Jesus about his son
- The boy is possessed by an evil “deaf and dumb spirit” since childhood
- Causes foaming of mouth, writhing on ground, rigid, gnashing teeth, throwing him into fire/water
- Your disciples already tried but couldn’t cast the spirit out
- Jesus - rebukes the onlookers “unbelieving generation”, asks to bring him the boy
- The spirit in the boy sees Jesus and throws the boy into convulsions
- The father begs Jesus **“Help us if you can”**
- Jesus responds **“If you can? Anything is possible to him who believes”**
- Father **“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief”**
- Jesus rebukes the spirit, commands it to come out and never return
- Evil spirit leaves, boy looks dead, Jesus takes his hand and lifts him up, whole and free
- Disciples in private : **Why couldn't we cast it out?** .....

# The real problem? ...apistia!

Matthew 17:20 : “Why couldn't we cast it out?

“Because of your APISTIA”

Matthew 21:21

Jesus answered them, "I tell you the truth, if you have **faith** and do not doubt, not only will you do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen.

# Can God help me with my unbelief?



# Bad Theology

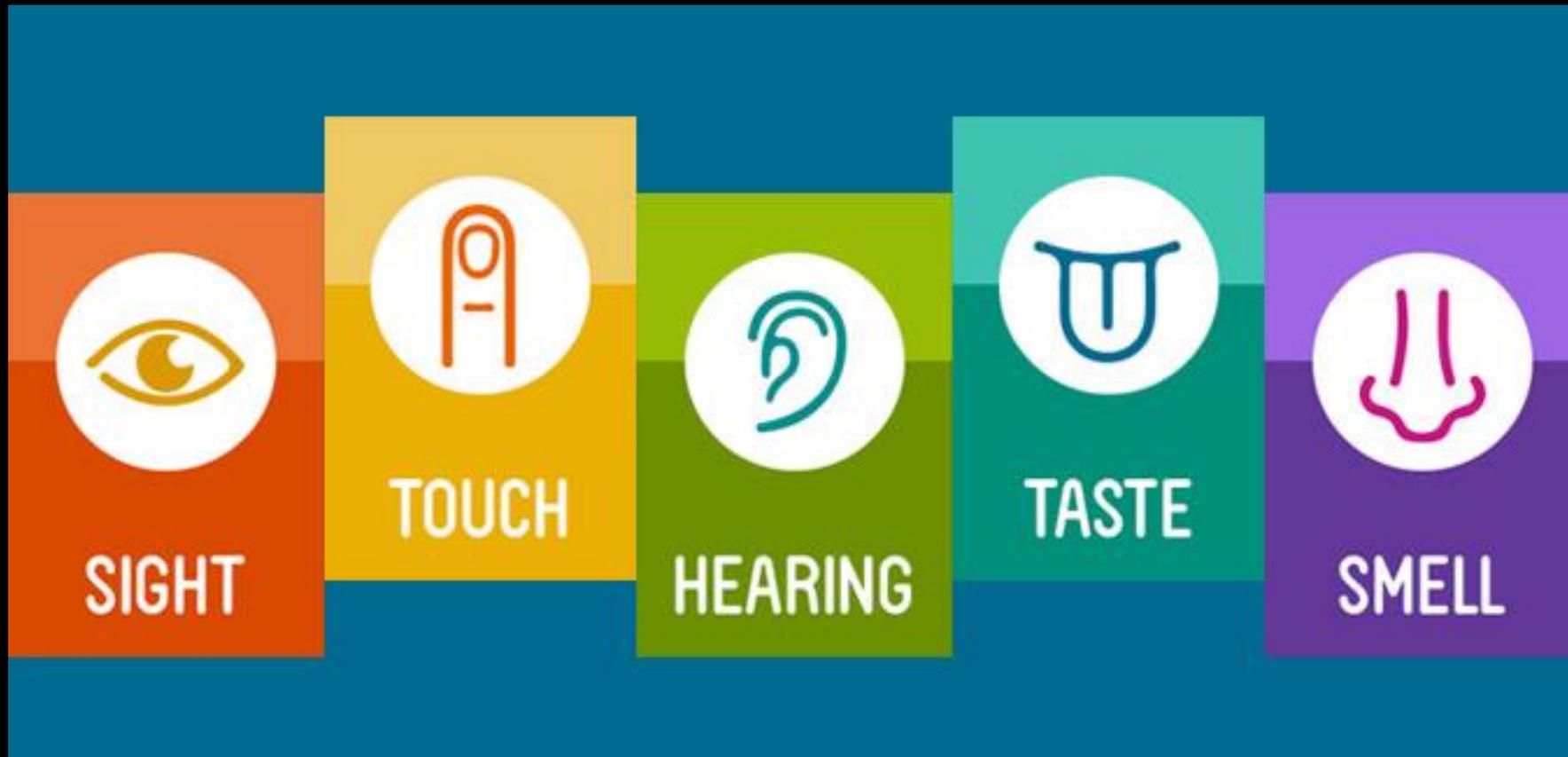
**GOD ALLOWED THIS  
SICKNESS TO HAPPEN**



Ignorance



# Our natural senses



Lies of the enemy



# Bad Diet



Lack of  
exercise



# God doesn't give faulty gifts!

Our faith is perfect – IT'S *HIS* FAITH !!!

Justified by the faith of Jesus Christ Gal 2 :16, 20

Lived by the faith of Jesus Christ Eph 2 : 8

Ministered by the faith that came through Christ  
Acts 3 :16

If it ain't broke, stop trying to fix it!!



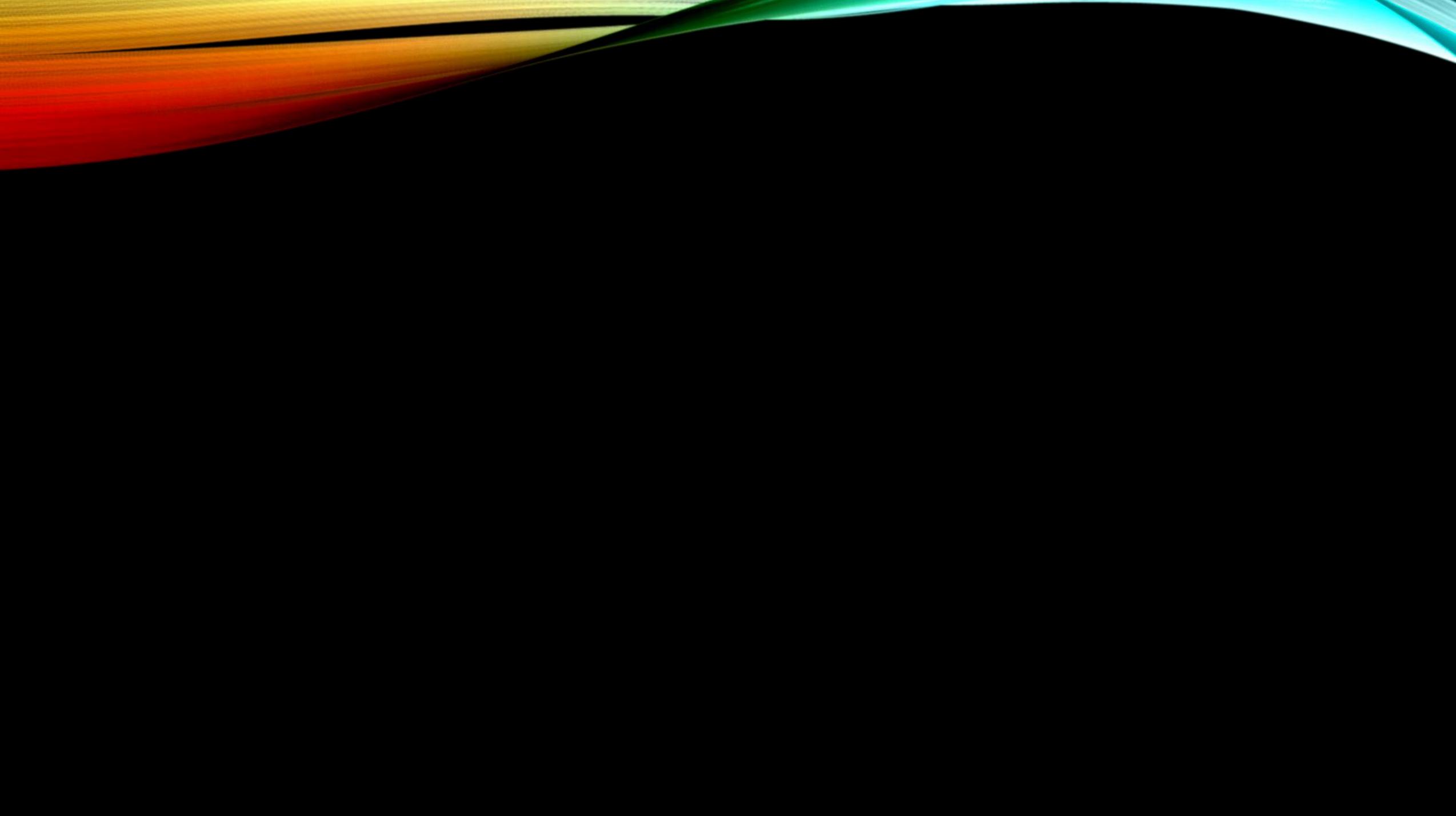
Faith is rest



Faith is not work



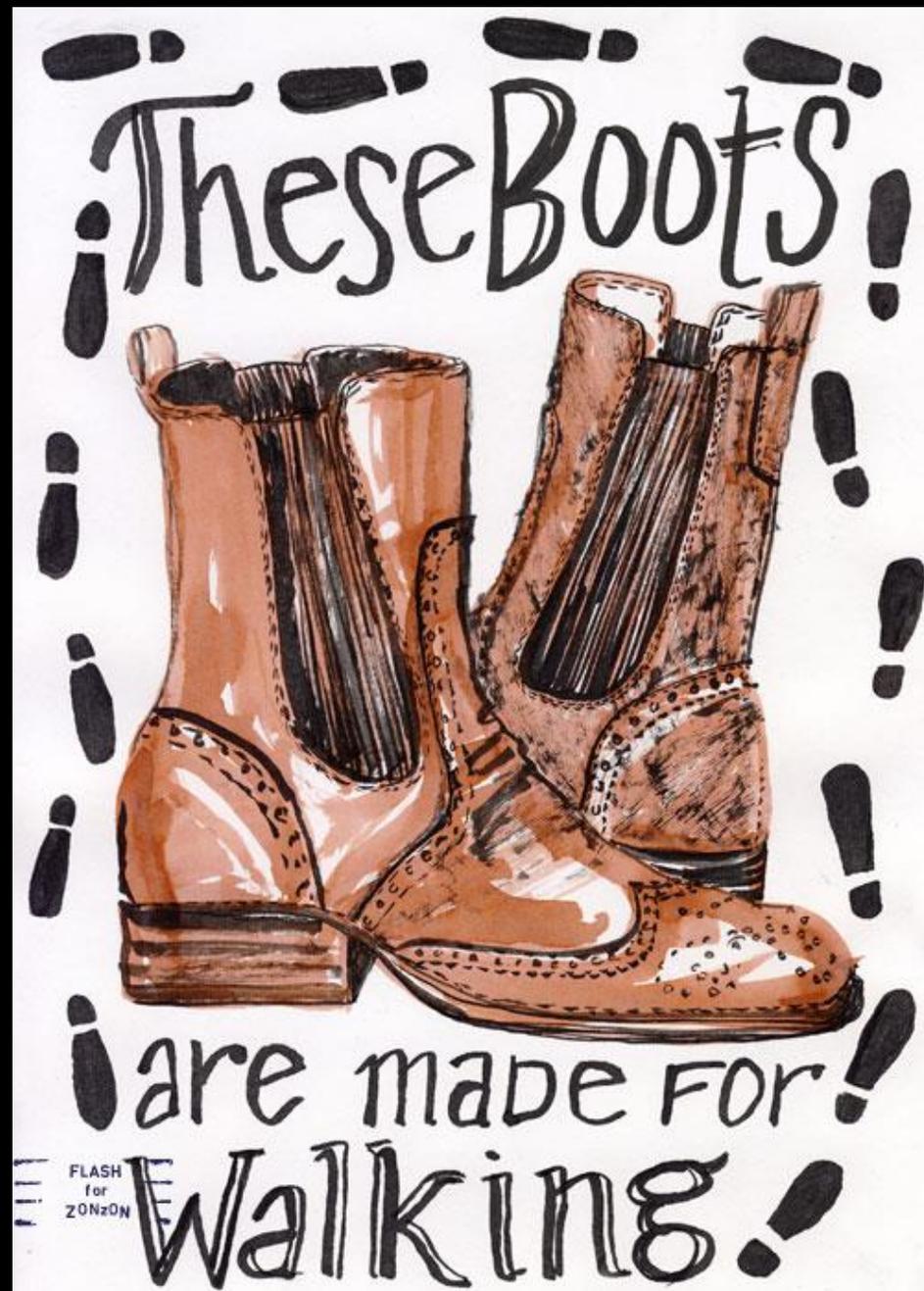
...."it gives your Father great pleasure to give you the Kingdom" Luke 12: 32

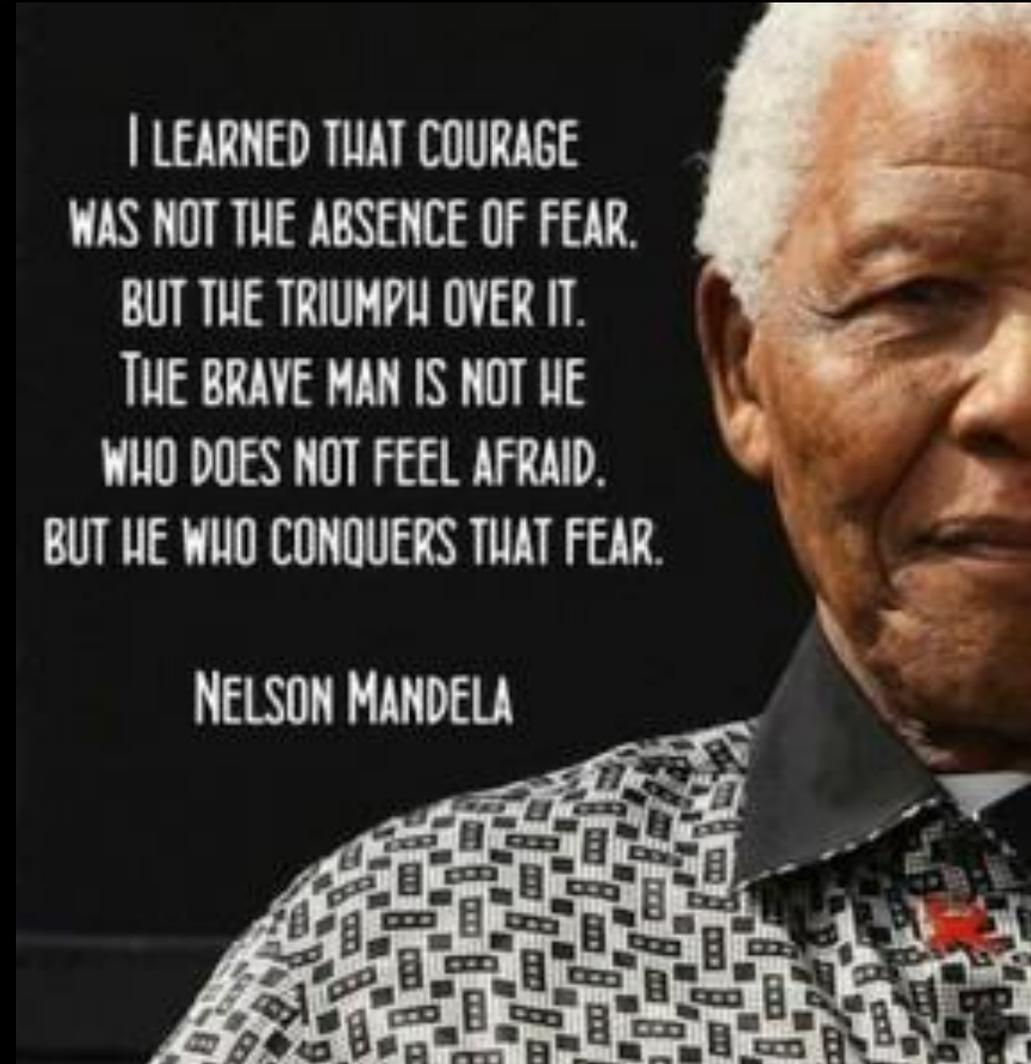




COURAGE

Is.....Faith with  
boots on !!

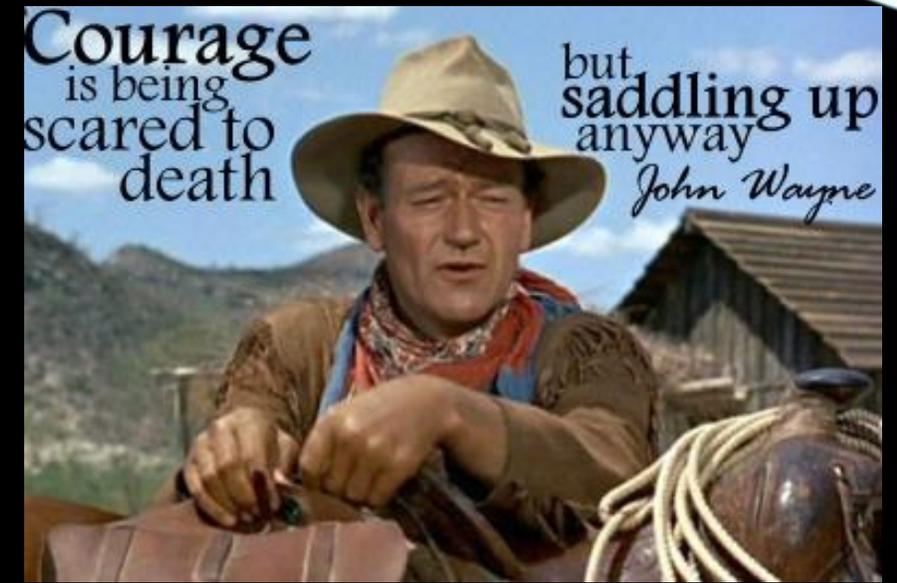


A close-up portrait of Nelson Mandela, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a patterned shirt. The background is dark.

I LEARNED THAT COURAGE  
WAS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR,  
BUT THE TRIUMPH OVER IT.  
THE BRAVE MAN IS NOT HE  
WHO DOES NOT FEEL AFRAID,  
BUT HE WHO CONQUERS THAT FEAR.

NELSON MANDELA

**COURAGE IS  
NOT THE ABSENCE  
OF FEAR, BUT THE  
ABILITY TO CONTINUE  
IN SPITE OF FEAR**



**C O U R A G E**

is not the absence of fear,  
but rather the judgment  
that something else is  
**more important than fear.**

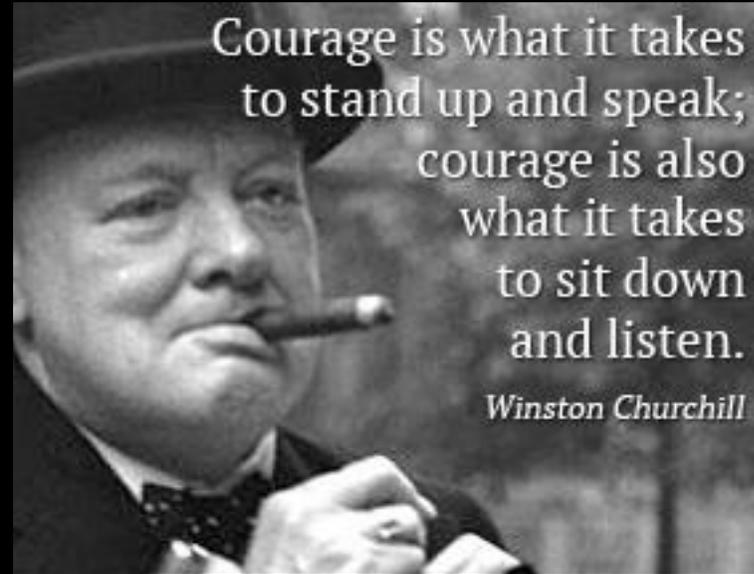
Ambrose Redmoon



**Courage**  
doesn't always roar.  
Sometimes courage is  
the little voice at the  
end of the day that  
says I'll try again  
tomorrow

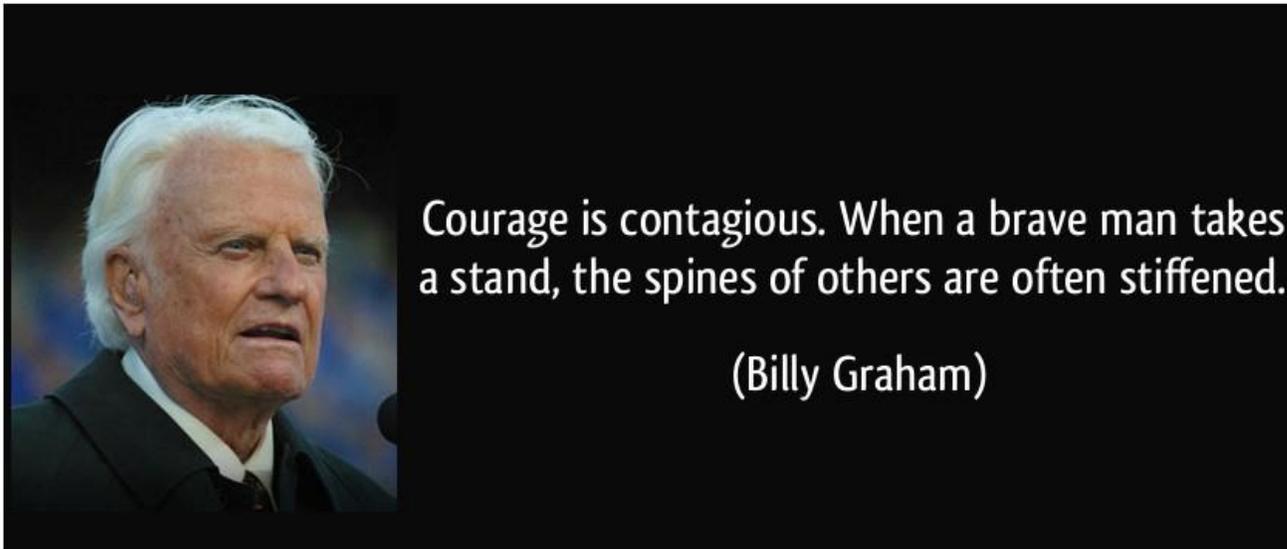
Mary Anne Radmacher

LEONARD  
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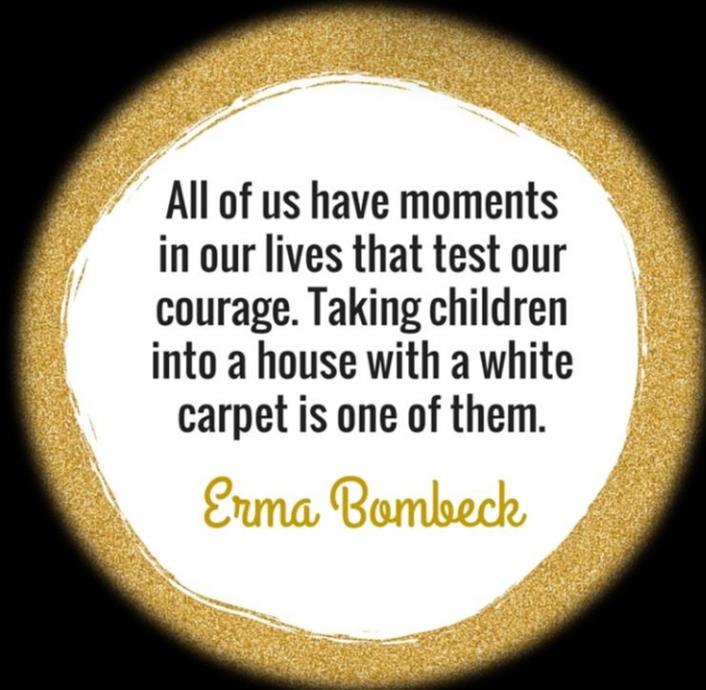
Courage is what it takes  
to stand up and speak;  
courage is also  
what it takes  
to sit down  
and listen.

*Winston Churchill*



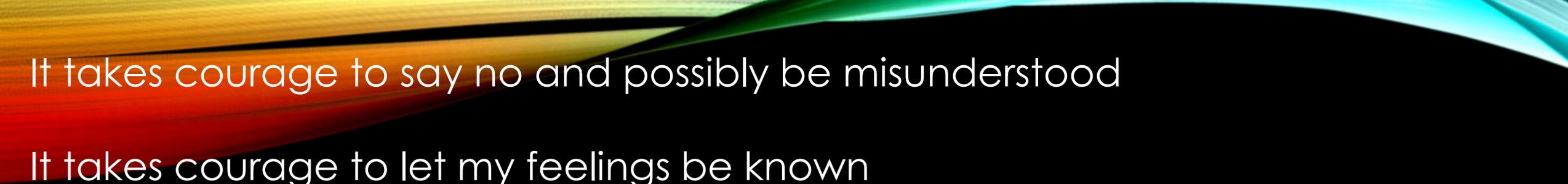
Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes  
a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.

(Billy Graham)



All of us have moments  
in our lives that test our  
courage. Taking children  
into a house with a white  
carpet is one of them.

*Erma Bombeck*



It takes courage to say no and possibly be misunderstood

It takes courage to let my feelings be known

It takes courage to believe my opinion matters

It takes courage to walk into a room and believe I will be liked

It takes courage to let myself be loved and appreciated by others

It takes courage to ring my neighbours' doorbell and ask how they are

It takes courage to offer to pray *with* someone – right now!

It takes courage to believe that my being there is really important

It takes courage to walk away as well as to walk on