

Courageous Christianity #12

New Year's Emptying ~ What God Wants from Us for 2013

Psalm 39:1-7

Review: How are we doing with our assignment of daily solitude?

Definition of Biblical Courage: A supernaturally INDUCED strength that empowers the Believer to consistently do God's will.

"Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him." ~
Hebrews 10:22 (easier said than done).

Introduction: God wants us to draw closer, but are we willing?

- Our Big "God" Problem: Keeping a SAFE distance, (but with the best intentions).

I. What God wants Relationally from us in 2013:

- ☞ He wants it to be REAL. But how?
- ☞ Psalm 39's problem: TURMOIL. vs. 2
- ☞ Psalm 39's solution: SETTLE with reality. vs. 7

II. More from Psalm 39 on the issue:

- ☞ We give ourselves a lot of CREDIT.
Example: I will not SIN.
Outcome: He got angrier and angrier!
- ☞ We need reminders about our MORTALITY.
Example: Life is SHORT. vss. 4,5
Outcome: Most of it is WASTED. vs.6

III. God wants us to Hope in Him in 2013?

- ☞ What are our options?
- ☞ It is up to you and me to make the God choice.