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MOSES IS BORN • EXODUS 2:1-10



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REMEMBER  
THIS:

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the Lord your God. I will be with  
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JOSHUA 1:9B, NIV



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As you walk out the door today,  
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"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. The brave may not live forever, but the cautious do not live at all. From now on you'll be traveling the road between who you think you are and who you can be. The key is to allow yourself to make the journey."

Almost every boy and girl dreams of becoming a hero: a prince or princess, or a superhero. We all want to be part of a bigger story, something that matters. To do that doesn't mean we need to be royalty or part of the Justice League, but it might require that we find some heroic qualities in our everyday lives.

That's why I like the advice above. As a parent, this attitude is something we need to cultivate in the hearts of our kids. Everything in their future is somewhat unpredictable. We're not asking our kids to never be afraid. We need to hand them a belief that fear can be conquered, and that the key to living is pushing through the difficult moments with courage to do the right thing, or in some cases to simply keep moving.

Like I said, we don't have to be royalty to understand this. On the other hand, it doesn't hurt either! Consider King David, who wrote this about courage in the face of fear and in the midst of giants: "When I am afraid, I will trust in You" (Psalm 56:3). David found courage in a few small stones, a few loyal followers, and in a faith in God that was stronger than any spear, stone, or sword.

That's why I think David was kind of like Batman. (Stay with me here . . .) Have you ever noticed that Batman doesn't have any real superpowers? He's got creativity, a fancy bat-suit, and that really cool car. He also has a courageous compassion for others.

David didn't have the Bat-mobile, or any superpowers, but he had what mattered. He was an ordinary person who had the courage to trust his extraordinary God on the road between who he was and who he knew God wanted him to be.

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