

WELLSPRING

WORSHIP CENTER

David Norton Courage of Christ 11/09/2025 Reflection Questions:

1. John Wayne said: "Courage is being scared to death but saddling-up anyway." Describe a time in your life that you saddled up in the face of fear.
2. 1 Timothy 6:13, Paul says that Jesus made "the good confession" before Pontius Pilate. What specific part of Jesus' interaction with Pilate do you think Paul is referring to?
3. In what ways did Jesus show courage before Pilate? How does Jesus' calmness before Pilate contrast with the fear and confusion of the religious leaders and disciples?
4. What does Jesus mean when He tells Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36)? How did that statement challenge the disciples understanding of His mission?
5. What significance do you see in Pilate asking, "What is truth?" (John 18:38)? In that question, do you think Pilate was sincere, cynical, or dismissive?
6. What does it mean that Jesus is "the truth"?
7. When Jesus says Pilate's authority was "given from above" (John 19:11), what does that reveal about God's sovereignty over earthly rulers? What does the exchange between Jesus and Pilate teach us about the relationship between the Kingdom of God and earthly governments?
8. Pilate repeatedly says he finds no fault in Jesus. Why do you think he still allows Him to be crucified?
9. How does Pilate's inscription "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (John 19:19) serve both as mockery and as profound truth? What is the significance of the written inscription in Aramaic, Latin and Greek?
10. If you were to compare yourself to Pilate, where might you see the temptation to "wash your hands" of hard decisions rather than stand for what's right?