Stouthearted Believer  
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I. Introduction.
   
   B. Be on your guard, be men of courage, be men of faith, do everything in love.
   C. Subject: stouthearted believers.
   D. To multiply stouthearted believers we have to be one.

II. Be on your guard.
   
   A. We are sinners and we are not to forget that.
   B. Sin is inside of us.
   C. The Devil goes about us seeking to devour us.

III. Stand firm in the faith.
   
   A. We must be in a place where the great truths of the Bible grip our souls.

IV. Be men of courage.
   
   A. Courage is a mental willingness to stick something out.
   B. Success is never final.

V. Be strong.
   
   A. This means to have vigor.
   B. Jesus came to give us abundant life—it is terrible to find that we do not have any.
   C. We have the Spirit and the promise of Jesus. (Romans 8:11, John 10:10)
   D. The people require that their leaders be strong—taking hold to lead. (Joshua 1)

VI. Do everything in love.
   
   A. Love is a choice that freely accepts another and seeks his good.
   B. When we feel that our love is tested to the limits we look to Jesus.
VII. Conclusion. Let us call to God to make us stouthearted. (Psalm 138:3)

Application questions

1. What characterizes the stouthearted believer?
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2. Which characteristic stands out to you? Explain.
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3. Which area will you focus on this week to become more “stout-hearted”? How will you do it?
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