



Uncommon Courage | Jill Johnson | 10.06.2024

Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

- **Share a high and a low from last week.**
- **Jeremy Goldberg says, "Courage is knowing it might hurt and doing it anyway. Stupidity is the same, and that's why life is hard." How would you differentiate between stupidity and courage?**

GROW

Welcome to week five of our *Uncommon* series. At Red Rocks Church, we believe God calls us to live uncommon lives on purpose so that together, we can go change the world. Nothing about life with God should be common because we do not serve a common God. If we want to step into our uncommon calling, we must set ourselves apart from common things.

This week, Pastor Jill challenged us to live with *Uncommon Courage* in our daily lives. Courage is feeling the full weight of fear and choosing to confront pain, danger, and uncertainty anyway because the value of preserving or cultivating something makes the risk worthwhile. Simply put,

other people's lives and eternities depend on our willingness to enter uncomfortable spaces, places, and circumstances, bringing hope, healing, and supernatural love with us—creating opportunities for others to encounter a loving Father which they might not otherwise experience. This week, will you seek discomfort and pray for supernatural encounters that only God could create to reach broken, imperfect people?

Read Philippians 2:1-5 (NIV), Galatians 5:13-15 (MSG), Numbers 16:44-49 (NIV)

- **What stuck out to you from Jill's message?**
- **Do you consider yourself a courageous person? Why or why not?**
- **In what ways can we cultivate a willingness to be uncomfortable for the sake of others, as demonstrated by Aaron's actions in Numbers 16?**
- **How can we cultivate a mindset of being 'brave, bold, and a blessing' in our interactions with others, especially those who may not share our faith?**

MOVE

As believers, we are called to live lives with uncommon courage, according to the gifts given to us. Courage can look different within each of us depending on how God has anointed us, and what He calls us to do. Regardless, Jill offers three simple (not necessarily easy) ways to demonstrate uncommon courage:

1. *Just show up.* Seek discomfort and show up for others in their time of need, letting the Fruit of the Spirit guide you and demonstrate His power through your faithfulness.
2. *Pray specific prayers.* Specific prayers get specific answers. We can approach God with confidence that He will hear us in our time of need.
3. *Pray for supernatural opportunities and encounters.* Pray for miracles and encounters that can only come from God. They often bless all who are involved.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

- What uncomfortable situations or environments do you try to avoid? Why? How could you be missing out on opportunities to love people?
- Do you ever ask the Lord to fill in the gaps where you fall short during these uncomfortable moments? Explain.
- How can you seek discomfort this week for the benefit of someone else this week?

Read Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

- What does your prayer life look and sound like? (Vague and half-hearted? Specific and full of faith?)
- How has prayer impacted your life or the lives of others around you?

Read Mark 9:21-29 (NIV), Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

- What stuck out to you in Mark 9:21-29?
- What are some barriers that prevent us from praying for supernatural miracles and encounters in our lives? Explain.
- Is there an area of your life in which you're carrying some level of "unbelief" that anything will ever change? Does this unbelief have more to do with what you believe about yourself or what you believe (or don't believe) about Jesus? Explain.

PRAY

This week, pray for the opportunity to live with uncommon courage, trusting that the Lord's power will be made perfect in your weakness. Pray for the opportunity to be bold, brave, and a blessing to someone who desperately needs hope. Pray specifically, and pray for supernatural miracles and encounters that only God can answer.