

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: At the Movies
Message: Defying Gravity for God's Glory
Speaker: Sam Price
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Living courageously for Christ first means to put yourself aside

²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

²³ Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."
Luke 9:23 (NLT)

Everyday we wake up with a choice; to serve ourselves, or to serve someone greater.

Living courageously for Christ means to love others

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

Living courageously for Christ means we have to stand up for what's right

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. ⁸ So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:
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TAKE HOME SHEET



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When you think about “gravity” in your own life—the things that hold you back spiritually—what comes to mind? Is it fear, comfort, people’s opinions, or something else? How have you seen God help you rise above those things in the past?

Galatians 2:20 says, “*It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.*” What does it look like, practically, to “put yourself aside” in your daily routines, relationships, or workplace? What makes this challenging for you?

In *Wicked*, Elphaba chooses to stand up for what’s right, even when it costs her comfort and popularity. Can you think of a time when you had to take an unpopular stand for your faith? What gave you the courage to do it—or what held you back?

2 Timothy 1:7 tells us God gives us *power, love, and self-discipline*—not fear. Which of those three qualities (power, love, or self-discipline) do you most need to strengthen in this season of your life? Why?

John 15:5 says we can do nothing apart from Christ. How do you stay connected to the “vine” in a culture that often pulls us toward self-reliance and busyness? What habits help you remain rooted in Him?