

“Take Courage”

Acts 23:11

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment. Have you ever been faced with a situation that you knew you had to do, but it was painful and you really didn't want to do it?

Probably the hardest decision I ever made in my life was when we reluctantly decided to put my father in a nursing home. He had congestive heart failure, his health was plummeting, and my mother's blood pressure (which was high to start with) would shoot through the roof whenever she saw my dad in any degree of pain or discomfort. I'll never forget walking into my father's hospital room and saying, "Pop, there's a very difficult thing we're going to have to do." I cried as I looked at this man who worked very hard to care for us, and told him we were going to have to, for his own good and for Mom's health, put him in a nursing home. Thankfully, my father understood.

I love Acts chapter 23, verse 11. The Apostle Paul is going through some very difficult times. In fact, there is a conspiracy to kill him. And verse 11 says, "The following night, the Lord stood by him and said, 'Take courage; for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.'" What sweet words! There Jesus is Himself, appearing to the Apostle Paul, and He says to him, "Don't give up, Buddy, nothing is going to happen to you that I don't want to happen to you. Take courage."

You know, you may be faced with a very difficult challenge today. I don't know what it is. But here's what I want you to remember today. Jesus Christ Himself is with you every step of the way. He is with you. Don't be paralyzed by what seems to be impossible. Take courage, the Lord is on your side!