



BE BRAVE



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Does my
“BUT” look
big in this?

Matthew
26:31-38



What are the excuses we allow ourselves to avoid the challenges that faith calls us to?

Is your “BUT” bigger than your faith?

What does “Brave” really look like?

3 most common “BUTS”

1. The Booty of FEAR

“The bravery of facing my biggest fears”

2. The Caboose of CAN'T

“The bravery of stepping out even though I can't do it”

What is the biggest, most
offensive but?

The plumber's crack of
WON'T

“But God, I don't want to.”



Exodus 4:13-14, “But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” (Cue Crickets)

Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.”

Who do you identify with?

Isaiah- “Here I am Send ME!”

David- “Let ME GO and kill this Philistine!”

Mary- “May it BE TO ME exactly as you have said!”

Moses- “Here I am, send someone else!”

I don't want to...!



Exodus 4:13, "But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."

Exodus 4:17-18, "...And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs." Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

Notice how God ignores Moses' will.

Or does He?

Which is true?

Good parents ignore our children's desires.

Good parents meet our children's desires.

(No one has done more harm to you in your life than you.)

Human will (plans) are often not good

Genesis 6:5-6, “The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.”

machăshâbâh

a contrivance, or intention, plan, purpose, thought.

From: chashab -to plait, weave

Human desires are not always of human origin.

2 Timothy 2:25-26, “God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”

Matthew 16:22-23, "And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."
But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Moses says he doesn't want to.

But does he really?

What do you do if you want to
and not want to at the same time?

Matthew 26:36-44



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Luke 22:45, “And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow.”

Lupē- *sadness*: - grief, grudgingly, heaviness, sorrow.

2Corinthians 9:7, “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

“The Spirit is willing, the flesh is weak.”

“Pray you don’t fall into temptation”

James 4:1, “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?”

James 4:7-8, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Submission precedes understanding

Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

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I don't want to be married to this person any more

I don't want to tithe

I don't want to forgive them

I don't want to help them

I don't want to foster a child

I don't want to get up earlier

I don't want to be friendly

I don't want to share the gospel

I don't want to have a life that makes a difference

Philippians 2:12-14, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing.”

3 Giant Buts: Fear, Can't, Won't

But God.

A greater fear

A greater can (ability)

A greater will