



Chaplaincy Chat

Speak Out and Stand Up



While he was a pastor in Indianapolis, Henry Ward Beecher preached a series of sermons about gambling and drunkenness. He soundly denounced the men of the community who profited by these sins.

The next week, Beecher was accosted on the street by a would-be assailant. Brandishing a pistol, the man demanded that Beecher make some kind of retraction about what he had said the previous Sunday.

“Take it back, right here!” he demanded with an oath, “or I will shoot you on the spot!”

Beecher calmly replied, “Shoot away!” The man was taken aback by his response. Beecher just walked away, saying over his shoulder as he left the scene, “I don’t believe you can hit the mark as well as I did!”

Courage is more than just having convictions. It requires being willing to speak and to act in order to bring about change – in individual lives, in families, in neighborhoods, in cities, and in nations. It’s not enough to “just believe” in something. In order to be a truly courageous person, you must be willing to speak out and stand up. Your voice can make a difference.

Psalm 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord

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