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## **America... Now and Then**

### **Courage, Persistence, and Civil Disobedience**

#### **Exodus 1**

<sup>15</sup> Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live

**Civil disobedience** - is a public, non-violent and conscientious breach of law undertaken with the aim of bringing about a change in laws or government policies. On this account, people who engage in civil are willing to accept the legal consequences of their actions.

#### **Mark 3**

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

#### **Romans 13**

<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

**God's law first and foremost** - to love God above all else. Man's law cannot dictate our ethics. There will be times when it is designed to stop us from pursuing God and His law of love. Then we will have a choice to make... [craiggreenfield.com](http://craiggreenfield.com)

#### **1) Courage**

#### **Deuteronomy 31**

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

## **2 Corinthians 5**

<sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage.

## **Proverbs 3**

<sup>25</sup> Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes, <sup>26</sup> for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

## **Romans 8**

<sup>31</sup> ... If God is for us, who can be against us?

## **2) Perseverance**

### **James 1**

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**Perseverance** – steadfastness; constancy; endurance. In the NT, it is a characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith by even the greatest trials.

## **Romans 5**

<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope

## **3) Civil Disobedience**

### **Acts 5**

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

### **James 4**

<sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

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