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Bravery is Like Love

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You do not have to feel love or affection toward someone to be able to display love to them or to love them. So it is with bravery. A person doesn't have to feel brave to be brave. You just do bravery. Like you do love.

Tonight, I was brave. I didn't look brave. I didn't sound brave. I was afraid, and I was brave. Bravery is doing what is right when it is hard and when you don't want to do it. Bravery is fighting for virtue and nobility and truth when the world is upside down and is standing against you. Bravery is saving lives when no one else will. Bravery is doing what you fear the most because you know you must. It doesn't always look beautiful. It doesn't always sound eloquent. Sometimes it looks really messy and sort of disastrous, but in your heart you know you did the bravest thing you could do in that moment. You know that no matter what the end result is, you stood, you spoke, you may have cried, but you did it anyway. Bravery is showing that no matter who you are, you can be brave. Anybody can be brave. Bravery is being brave so that someone else may be inspired to be brave, too.

What may be no big deal to one person is a monumental obstacle to another. I spoke for a whopping four minutes to a bunch of people I do not know with a shaky voice and foggy mind and teary eyes and trembling hands and fidgety feet and overwhelming fear. But I did it! And we never are alone. And this is not a scary thing to other people. But it is to me.

When you can see the disaster you are and still know that you obeyed the Creator of the universe and be ok with how good or not-so-good it went ... And settle in your heart and mind, "God, You asked. I said yes even though I am afraid. You knew how I would be. And You are pleased with me anyway. Because You love obedience more than sacrifice. And so I will rest in You. Make me brave over and over again ... no matter how hard it is. I will walk through this valley if You want me to go there. I will walk through this fire if You want me to do so."

That is everything. God's will is everything. Peace and fullness, and life abundant.

If nothing else, let me be genuine. Let me be real. Let me be true. More of Him. Less of me.

If You Want Me To

The pathway is broken and the signs are unclear,
And I don't know the reasons why You brought me here.
But just because You love me the way that You do,
I'm gonna walk through this valley if You want me to.

'Cause I'm not who I was when I took my first step,
And I'm clinging to the promise You're not finished with me yet.
So if all these trials that bring me closer to You,
Then I will go through the fire if You want me to.

And it may not be the way I would've chosen,
When You lead me through a world that's not my home.
But you never said it would be easy,
You only said I'd never go alone.

So when the whole world turns against me,
And I'm all by myself,
And I can't hear You answer my cries for help.
I'll remember the suffering that Your love put You through,
And I will go through this valley if You want me to.

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Be brave, my precious brothers and sisters. Keep eternity in your sights.

(On the night of February 24 as a pro-life crowd of 2,000 prayed outside, Kori Peterson spoke before the El Centro Regional Medical Center Board and recalled an abortion she had 21 years ago. She encouraged the board to vote against giving the local Planned Parenthood a transfer agreement which gives them permission to transfer patients in need of emergency care. It looks as if the transfer agreement will be approved.)