



WITHSTANDING FEAR

Exploring Courage

They say **Courage** isn't the absence of fear...

but is moving forward in the
face of it.

For some, courage is getting
up and going to work in the
morning, or stepping into an
unknown social situation.





FOR OTHERS, IT'S
FACING DOWN
FEARS IN ANY
NUMBER OF
INTERESTING OR
EXTREME WAYS.

**WEBSTER'S
DICTIONARY SAYS
THAT COURAGE IS:**

Mental or moral
strength to venture,
persevere, and
withstand danger,
fear and difficulty.

A rather TALL order!



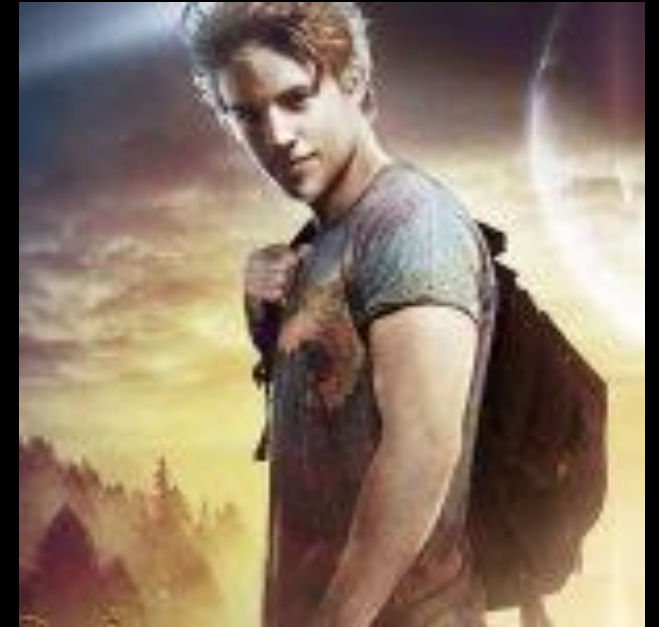
LET'S LOOK AT SOME WAYS JARL HAD COURAGE

AND SEE HOW TO GROW IT IN YOUR LIFE, TOO.



Grab a pen and paper to take some notes. Here we go!

Jarl demonstrated the characteristics of courage in several ways. We'll look at a few from Chapters 11-20,



CHAPTERS 11-20

Initial thoughts -

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you.

What underlies motivation for courage?

If there is no choice, what cannot exist? (Chapter 11)

Rebellion -

What made Satan delusional and rebellious?

What is your perspective on “If you live by the Spirit, you should also walk by the Spirit?”

Cornelius states (Chapter 12) that “people are bound by the flesh because...” why?

Fear -

When did fear enter the earth realm? (Chapter 13)

Perfect _____ casts out fear.
I John 4:18

Did Jarl remain a “Spacefaller” or did he move on into “Spacewalking?” How did this demonstrate courage?

THINGS THAT CAUSE FEAR



Demons

And ???

There is a never ending supply of fear-inducing things in this universe. But only one good response...



Freaky Hybrids
(Chapter 14)



Not enough \$\$\$
or provision

COURAGE THAT CONQUERS FEAR

How did Jarl respond when fear overcame him in Chapter 13? What did the old Westerns remind him of? How did he act?

When faced with something truly terrifying, like giants or other freaky hybrids, what two strategies and weapons did Jarl have? (Chapter 15)

What weapons do you have? Look up 1 John 4:18 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 and note what they say.

THE KEY

Who alerted Jarl to dangerous threats? Who alerts us?



And the Holy Spirit descended on him (Jesus) in bodily form like a dove... Luke 3:22

Being unafraid -

Look up 2 Timothy 1:7
How can this make all the difference between whether you live in fear or act with courage?

EARTHQUAKES AND WEREWOLVES AND DEMONS, OH MY!

Facing the worst -

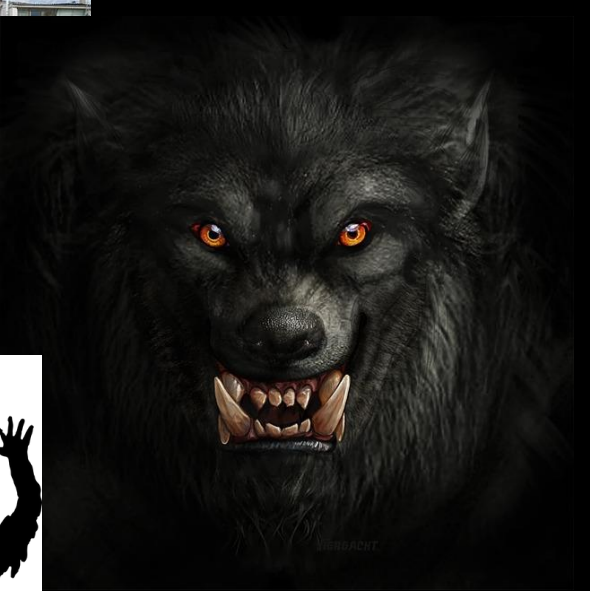
Several of Jarl's fears piled up on him.
(Chapters 19 & 20) How did he respond
to the:

Natural disaster -



Werewolf hybrid -

(Hint: Used one of his weapons)



Group of demons -



What can you learn from these responses
when facing your own fears and having
courage to deal with them?

REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES OF COURAGE

Gideon

Gideon was told to face an army of thousands with only 300 men. He was afraid, but he did it... and WON!

He received instructions from God, but was scared so he set up a test with a piece of sheep fleece. God answered him, and then also gave him more reassurance when Gideon heard an enemy soldier recount a dream that showed Gideon and his army winning.

You can read Gideon's full story in Judges 6, 7 and 8.

Daniel

Daniel made some co-workers jealous and they formed a conspiracy to get him killed by making his praying to God illegal.

He kept right on praying.

He was caught and tossed into a Lions' Den. They didn't eat him because an angel closed their mouths. He came out unharmed!

You can read Daniel's story in Daniel 6.

RESULTS OF COURAGE

-- "There is no reward in life without risk" (quote by Barry Farber) If there is a desire to move forward in anything, a measure of risk must be taken. And that requires courage. How did Jarl show this in his initial Spacewalking attempts? What were the rewards?

--- Many times, when you act with courage, you WIN! What experiences and benefits did Jarl win in Chapters 17 and 18?

-- Jarl was told in chapter 19 that "A specific calling is required for you to shift into any dimension beyond the 5th" Look up Jeremiah 29:11. How does this apply to the calling Jarl would need? How does it apply to you and your life? Can this verse be a foundation for courage in your life?

THERE IS ONE WHO SHOWED MORE COURAGE THAN ANYONE...

Jarl talked about him in Chapter 15. Only One could come be among humans and deal with all the evil on the earth in an eternal way. He had to die to do it. BUT, he didn't stay dead.

He is alive today. Jarl knew him and that relationship provided courage to move forward.

Do you know him?



WRAPPING IT UP



Main Takeaway -

What is your one main takeaway from Jarl's acting with courage in Chapters 11-20?



Perspective -

What is your perspective of how **courage** played out in this section?



Application -

How courageous are you?

How can you increase your courage in relation to God? Family? Friends? Employer?