

Courageous Man And The Basis for Courage

Cast (In order of appearance)

Announcer (Off Stage)

Cora Courageous

Mrs. Courageous (Mom)

Courageous Man (CM)

[Scene: Cora's room early Sunday Morning. Cora is sitting alone, looking sad.]

Announcer: It's time for another adventure with Courageous Man!

Mom: [Enters] Cora! We leave for church in fifteen minutes and you're not dressed yet!

Cora: I don't feel very well, Mom.

Mom: Tummy upset? [Cora nods] Feel a bit warm? [Cora nods] Nervous about playing piano during the morning service? [Cora nods then looks up at her mother in surprise.]

Cora: Don't tell Dad!

Mom: Now, Cora, you know your father means well, and he loves you___

Cora: He'll **make** me go! He'll tell me that I **have** to be courageous!

Mom: Cora, listen to yourself! You know very well that your father wouldn't **make** you play the piano. He would never force **anyone** to serve at church, but he will want to talk with you about it___ [A SOUND like a rushing wind which rises and is suddenly cut off.] There's your father now. I'll go get him. [Exits]

Cora: [To audience] You don't know my Dad! He isn't afraid of **anything**!

How can he understand how scary it is for me to get up in front
of everyone at church and play? I wish I never said that I
wanted to do it!

CM: [Leaps into the room wearing Courageous Man costume (Zorro-like
scarf/mask, cape, tights, "muscle-enhanced" shirt with a "C" on
it)]

Your Mother tells me you're afraid up here:
Wherever there is fear, Courageous Man is near!

Cora: [Aside] That's my Dad: he likes to rhyme sometimes.

CM: Fear of playing in front of all
is the fear that one may trip and fall
But if your motive is to serve
You need not fear or lose your nerve!

Cora: Ah, Dad? Could we just talk without rhyming? Besides I don't think the
kids [Points to audience] are getting it.

CM: [Deadpans to audience] Oh, sorry kids. [To Cora] All I mean is this: why
do you want to play piano at church?

Cora: To serve Jesus.

CM: And that's a very **good** thing to want to do! Do you think Jesus would be
pleased because you want to serve Him?

Cora: Yes, but I want to play my best! What if I mess up?

CM: Cora, Jesus knows your heart. He knows you want to do your best for Him. He loves us, and knows we sometimes make mistakes. We never have to be afraid when we trust Him and want to do things for Him.

Cora: You make me feel braver already.

CM: Jesus gave His life for us, and if we trust in Him and serve Him there is no reason to fear. We can all be courageous: that's what makes me Courageous Man! So, do you think that you would like to try playing a little piano this morning?

Cora: Yes! I think I would!

CM: [To audience.] My work is done here! [Exits. Cora Exits]

Announcer: As Courageous Man and his family prepare for Sunday worship, remember that you, too, can "Say YES to the Best" Trusting in Jesus, like his disciples did, and knowing God's love for you, can make anyone courageous.

Come back tomorrow for another adventure of: Courageous Man!

The End