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# The Christian Courage

"WHEN I AM AFRAID, I WILL  
PUT MY TRUST IN YOU"

*Psalms 56:3*

## ***The Christian Courage***

Fear is, beyond the whole suite of psychoanalytic theories, one of the consequences of the fall into sin. One of the first feelings that tempted Adam immediately after the fall was not envy, not greed, not anger, but fear: "He said, 'I heard the sound of You in the garden, and **I was afraid** because I was naked; so I hid myself' (Genesis 3:10). Fear is the direct consequence of man's alienation from the One whose presence was supposed to be his Shield,

humanity's moral DNA—rare and always looked upon with awe.

But for the Christian, courage is both a gift and a command. God so well knows the reminiscences of sin in the heart of man, even in His children. Therefore, every "fear not" spoken by God on the pages of Scripture should not be understood as "feel no sense of fear" but rather as "overcome, through faith in Me, every sense of fear." **Courage is not the absence of fear but the overcoming of it by faith, and faith in God does not cancel fear but gives the power to overcome it.** So many times, throughout Scripture, God tells believers not to be overcome by fear: "Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed" (Joshua 1:9); "take courage and be courageous!" (Daniel 10:19); "Do not fear them, for the Lord your God is the One fighting for you." (Deuteronomy 3:22); "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You" (Psalm 56:3).

By falling into sin, man was separated from his Protector. God drew near to man through redemption in Christ's death and resurrection. Therefore, every commandment to not be afraid has its basis in the assurance that the One from whom we were once strangers is now our Shield, Protection, and Shelter, and fear no longer finds its reason. The New Testament is also a eulogy of courage and boldness through faith in Christ, of great deeds for His cause: "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28); "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27); "Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful." (John 14:27)

As of old, the Christian today is commanded, "Fear not!" Times are hard, the economic crisis is pressing, and worries are multiplying, but our Protector is present beside us every day. The future does not look rosy for believers - we do not know how long we will have the freedom to serve God, and we do not know what the times and circumstances will look like. Queen Elizabeth II said in a televised Christmas message in 1957: "Today we need a special kind of courage, not the kind needed in battle but a kind which makes us stand up for everything that we know is right, everything that is true and honest." We need the courage that overcomes fear through faith in God to stand up for the truth of Christ, to stay with Him when most leave Him, and to influence future generations for good, to lead them to Him. **Courage!**

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*Meet our professors!*



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*Lecturer dr. Ilie Sorițău*

**In 1987, when I discovered hundreds of churches that had no one to serve them, that was the time when I understood the command of our Lord Jesus to pray for the Lord to bring forth laborers in His harvest. I understood how important and urgent this call was and still is today.**

The vision and mission of EUO is to prepare every student to be as willing and equipped as possible to literally take the gospel of the Lord to the ends of the earth. My deep desire is to invest with passion in the training of each of the EUO students with the aim of contributing to the development and well-being of the communities in which they will live, but especially to serve the churches where they will be members, for the glory and honor of God.

I am married to Raelene and father to Elisei Paul, Victoriana Janae (Tori), Karis Eliana, and Isaiah Luke.

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*David Samuel Robu,  
Pastoral Theology, 2nd year*

How did I end up at Emanuel University? I spent my high school years in the context of a remarkable Christian school, and my desire, right from the beginning, was to serve the Creator. I also understood that to serve God,



The years passed quickly, but I did not consider the possibility of taking courses at Emanuel University, specializing in Pastoral Theology. I knew about the existence of Emanuel University, but I never did much research about it. The authentic encounter with the Savior made me rethink my whole life and, of course, the decisions I had purposed in my heart. First, I talked to several people who studied theology. I approached pastors, teachers, and students from the high school where I studied and from Emanuel University. After researching, I prayed and waited for an answer from the Lord. God assured me that Emanuel University was the right place for me, and to my parents' astonishment, I decided to go to Emanuel. I think it was the best choice.

Why Emanuel and not another University? From my perspective, EUO represents the right environment for a student, regardless of the specialization he chooses. The university creates indispensable study conditions for those interested. The relationship between professors and students gives charisma to this Christian institution. Speaking of the Christian environment, I must state fervently that Christian youth need Christian schools. EUO offers the opportunity for spiritual development that is imperative for these times. A person who wants to continue his educational journey should ask himself in which environment he wants to develop, especially on a spiritual level. Indeed, professors are essential to a student who wants to practice what he has learned. **At Emanuel, I found well-trained professors who are close to their students. I recommend this place to anyone who wants to grow, not only academically but also spiritually. God bless the entire EUO family!**

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