Week 4 – September 10, 2017

Courage.

Nurtured in the Secret Place.

DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. How does "encouragement" influence your view of the world when it's wreaked by so much injustice, pain and torment?

2. What is your biggest challenge to "shining" as instructed in Isaiah 60?

3. Living a life without fear or lack, describe what "shining brightly" would look like for you?

4. When you consider what you think about most and the most common description of the quality of your soul, of "what" are you the "son of"?

5. What spiritual gifts has God given you that He wants you to use for the prospering of others?

6. In this hour when healthy leadership, ministry and influence is needed, what "gutsy" thing is God asking you to believe and do?

NEXT STEPS:

1. Write 2–3 declarations that are based upon bible promises that will give you a more hopeful view of the world and what Jesus is doing.

2. Establish a small plan to overcome the challenges that influence you to shine less brightly.

3. What will you do this week to upgrade the quality of your thinking?

4. If you don't know your spiritual gifts, consider taking a spiritual gifts test online. (Ex: elmertowns.com – click "Spiritual Gifts Assessment")

5. How will you be generous with your time, love, words of praise and resources this week?

6. Ask Jesus what He wants you to believe about Him and about yourself, so that your emerging leadership has it's origin in the promises of God.

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*SMART GOALS:

a. Specific – Can you state specifically what you are doing?

b. Measurable – How can we measure this goal so we will know when you have reached it?

c. Attainable – Is it within your capabilities and does it depend on you?

d. Relevant – Do you care enough about this goal to make it a priority?

e. Time Specific – It has a deadline.

Vulnerability. Presence. Action.