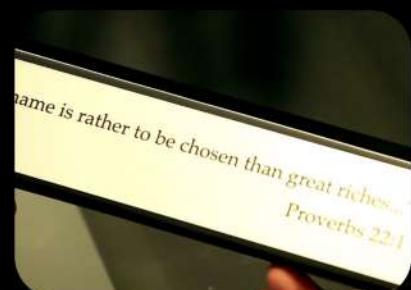




FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired the movie by "Courageous Love"

INTRODUCTION

In Courageous Love, Alex Shelby unexpectedly inherits his family's engineering company after his parents' tragic death. Overwhelmed and facing a dire financial situation, Alex makes a series of difficult decisions, including a risky contract. When a project goes awry due to a clerical error, a kind-hearted employee, Michelle Long, is unjustly blamed and fired. To uncover the truth, Alex goes "undercover" as a new employee at the company's Manhattan branch. While investigating, he and Michelle fall in love, forcing Alex to confront a pivotal choice: save his company by maintaining his secret, or sacrifice its future to defend Michelle's name and do what is right. The film highlights the core theme, drawn from Proverbs 22:1, that a good name and a life of integrity are far more valuable than great riches.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. CHARACTER OVER RICHES

- The central theme of the film is that "a good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." How does Alex's journey and his ultimate decision to defend Michelle illustrate this biblical principle? What does the movie suggest about the true measure of a man?
- Read Proverbs 22:1. How does this verse challenge a worldview that prioritizes financial success and career gain above all else? What does it mean for a Christian to "choose a good name," and how can we apply this to our daily choices?



2. LOYALTY AND DEFENDING THE INNOCENT

- When Michelle is unjustly blamed for the project's delay, Alex is in a unique position to clear her name. What does this act of defending an innocent person reveal about Alex's character?
- Read Proverbs 31:8-9. In what ways can Christians demonstrate loyalty and seek justice for those who have been wronged in their own communities or workplaces?



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3. PERSEVERANCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY



- Alex faces a series of trials: the loss of his parents, inheriting a struggling business, and the pressure of a looming deadline. How do these difficult circumstances shape Alex's character and reveal his need for perseverance?
- Read James 1:2-4. This passage tells us to "count it all joy" when we face trials. How might Alex's difficult journey be seen as an opportunity for his character to develop? How can a Christian's perseverance in the face of setbacks point others to God's grace?

4. THE REWARD OF INTEGRITY

- Alex's decision to do the right thing ultimately leads to a positive resolution. What does the film suggest about the rewards of living with integrity, even when the immediate outcome is uncertain?
- Read Psalm 25:21. What does it mean to be guarded by integrity and uprightness? How does God's faithfulness to those who walk with integrity bring peace and security, regardless of the challenges they face?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

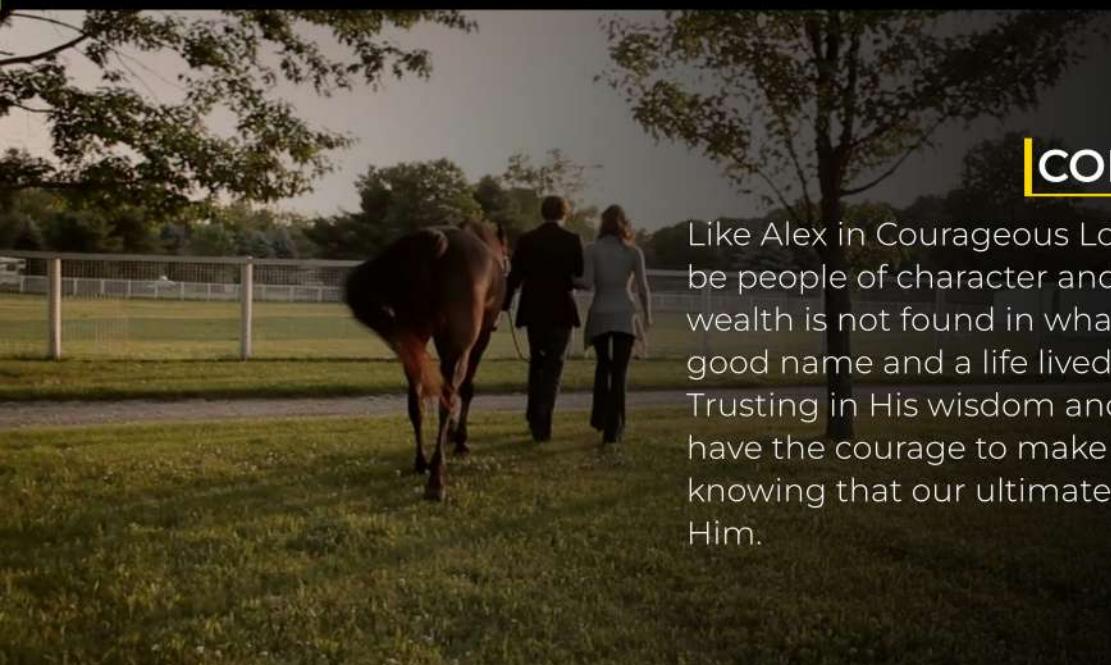
Consider the film's core message that a good name is more valuable than great riches. In your own life, what do you value most? How do your daily decisions at work, at home, and in your relationships reflect your priorities?



PRAYER

Close the Bible study with a time of prayer, lifting up struggles with difficult decisions.

Pray for wisdom to choose integrity, for the courage to defend the wronged, and for a heart that values a good name over worldly gain.



CONCLUSION

Like Alex in Courageous Love, we are called to be people of character and integrity. Our true wealth is not found in what we possess but in a good name and a life lived for the glory of God. Trusting in His wisdom and sovereignty, we can have the courage to make the right choices, knowing that our ultimate reward is found in Him.