

## Walking in Confidence and Compassion

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*When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!" And one of them slashed at the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "Don't resist anymore." And he touched the place where the man's ear had been and healed him.*

Luke 22:49-51 (NLT)

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**Prayer Focus:** Jesus was about to be arrested by a mob armed with swords and clubs. He had been preparing for this moment, at times with great agony. He knew His future and His destiny. He was walking in the confidence that His heavenly Father had foreordained this moment— even though an angry mob in the dark of night was disconcerting and frightening. His disciples were not sure how to respond because of their overwhelming fear. Instinctively Peter lashed out to protect Jesus. But because Jesus was so sure of His mission and calling, He responded to the threats with compassion and confidence. He instructed the not to resist the plan of the Father, and then even healed the one who opposed Him. If we have embraced Jesus as our Savior, we can look at the threats and intimidation of the world with confidence. We can view our enemies with compassion because they cannot thwart the purposes of God. We don't need to fight those who oppose us. Knowing Jesus as Savior gives us the confidence to offer hope and healing in His name.

**Day 1:** Worship Jesus as your compassionate Savior.

**Day 2:** Confess the times you have been overwhelmed with fear at the threats of the world.

**Day 3:** Repent for not always walking in complete confidence and compassion through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Day 4:** Invite the Lord to fill you with renewed trust in Him as your Savior regardless of difficult circumstances.

**Day 5:** Pray that you will learn to place all your confidence and trust in Jesus as the Savior and hope of the world.

**Day 6:** Pray that your church will demonstrate the compassion and love of Christ to a lost world.

**Day 7:** Pray that the lost will see Jesus as their only hope.