Only by God's enabling grace will we have **the courage to stand against sin and Satan.** Around the world, believers are living in very 'restrictive' countries. They are tortured, imprisoned, and beheaded because of their total commitment to Christ. It has been reliably reported that, well over 100,000 believers have been martyred for Christ even this past year.

Interestingly, Joshua's credentials to be a leader were not attained in a seminar on 'leadership skills,' but in **the rugged reality of confrontational conflict.** So later, when in the Land of Promise the children of Israel were **in the midst of a critical battle,** Joshua himself was qualified to strongly **exhort**: *"**Fear not, be not dismayed, be strong and of good courage**"* Joshua 10:25. The Apostle Paul also wrote: *"**Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ**"* 1 Corinthians 11:1.

As children, Richard and I remember the desperate situation when thousands of soldiers had to be rescued from their entrapped position at Dunkirk. As a nation, we crowded our churches and prayed that God would mercifully rescue our men. Then, God miraculously becalmed the English Channel, and our soldiers were enabled to later return and see the enemy defeated. Churchill said: "**Defeat is not fatal; victory is never final**; **it is courage that counts.**" Also, the Apostle Paul, with a courage that counts, encouraged others in a severe storm, *"**be of good cheer**: **there shall be no loss of any man's life among you**"* Acts 27:22. **Be of good courage!**