

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Wednesday 19th April 2023

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A moment's courage

"A moment's courage or a lifetime of regret. Its always been the choice" - Chief Superintendent Bright, Endeavour series 6

Jill and I love watching Endeavour and Bright (played by Anton Lesser) is one of our favourite characters, we pretty much like all of them! There is corruption within the police force, and a final showdown has been building up in the 3 or 4 previous series'. Bright gets a call from Detective Sergeant Endeavour Morse, who is about to confront the corrupt officers, possibly going to his death. And so what does Bright , (who is all too aware of the danger) do? Show up to support Endeavour or...

Its either ***A moment's courage or a lifetime of regret.***

We all feel fear in the face of doing what is right, although perhaps not as dramatically for most of us. However a lifetime's choices do add up. Courage I think is different from fearlessness. Fearlessness is the absence of fear. Courage on the other hand, is doing what needs to be done, in the face of fear. And sometimes, we need courage to do nothing.

I think Jesus, was courageous, rather than fearless. He had to experience fear, if he was fully human. It might have been fear that caused him to get angry on several occasions. It was probably fear that caused him to sweat blood on the eve of his crucifixion and to ask God if there was another way. As He prayed, He found the courage to carry on.

If we are feeling fearful about a course of action we need to take, or not to take, then perhaps we can be encouraged knowing that we are already half way there to being courageous! May we look to God in our fear, and find the courage we need.

Carry on, by the way, is Bright's catchphrase! And he shows up.