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die," said quarterback James Street. After Texas won 21-17, coach Darrell Royal gave Steinmark both an emotional hug on the sideline and the game ball in the dressing room.

Steinmark served as an assistant coach for the freshman team his senior season, but his cancer spread. He died on June 6, 1971, courageous, upbeat, and fighting until the end; he was 22.

When we speak of courage, we often think of heroic actions such as those displayed by soldiers during wartime or firefighters during an inferno. But as Freddie Steinmark's life demonstrates, there is another aspect to courage.

Freddie Steinmark certainly was afraid during the last years of his life. What made his daily life courageous and admirable was not the absence of fear, which often results from foolhardiness or a dearth of relevant information. Rather, his courage showed itself in his determined refusal to let fear debilitate him.

This is the courage God calls upon us to demonstrate in our faith lives. When Paul urged the Christians in Corinth to "be men of courage," he wasn't telling them to rush into burning buildings. He was admonishing them to be strong and sure in their faith in Jesus Christ.

This courageous attitude is an absolute necessity for American Christians today when our faith is under attack as never before. Our courage reveals itself in our proclaiming the name of Jesus, no matter what forces are arrayed against us.

*Mother, if God wants my leg, we'll have to give it to Him.*  
-- Freddie Steinmark as he went in for surgery

*To be courageous for Jesus is to speak his name  
no matter what tactics Satan uses against us.*

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