

Thought for the Day 11th September - John Reed

Read 2 Corinthians 3:4-18

What fills you with boldness?

Is it the colour brown?

I didn't know that "colour of the year" was a thing, but apparently Dulux have one. And they have, in their wisdom decided that the colour of the year for 2021 will be ... wait for it ... drum roll please ... 'Brave Ground™'.¹

What is Brave Ground™, I hear you ask?

Well, it's a neutral brown/gray colour. When I looked at it, it didn't do much to stir my spirits. But apparently Dulux says that it will enable us to "draw upon the strength of nature to help [us] find the courage to embrace the future." They go on to say that "In 2021, the warm and grounding tones of Brave Ground™ will allow us to find certainty in the strength from the very ground beneath our feet, emboldening us to go forward and begin to live again and giving us the flex to adapt to the ever changing circumstances we face."

See? All you need is to paint your lounge room walls this inoffensive brown/gray colour and you will be emboldened to go out and face the challenges of this life.

Alternatively, you might want to find your encouragement and confidence somewhere else.

In this passage, Paul writes to the church in Corinth reminding them of the confidence that we can have through Christ as we stand before God (v. 4). Despite our weaknesses and insufficiencies (v. 5), in him we find our sufficiency (v. 5), and can be very bold (v. 12) and free (v. 17). Unlike Moses, who had to cover his face, we can behold the glory of God with unveiled faces, as he transforms us from one degree of glory to another.

So which would you rather trust to carry you boldly into the future – the colour Brave Ground™ or the Saviour Jesus?

¹ <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/dulux-names-brave-ground-colour-22655885>