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## Courage & Perseverance

True courage comes with perseverance Google stated: "Failure is only the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently." The reasons for perseverance are the outcome, dedication, and motivation. Perseverance is basically finishing something that you started even when you are going through hard times. Dedication is being committed to a purpose, a goal or a purpose that you have.

In the book Fahrenheit 451 Guy Montag wanted to learn how to understand books even though they were banned. Montag had a career as a fireman, in the book Fahrenheit 451 books were illegal so the firemen would go out or a mechanical hound dog would go out and look for people that had books in their house or people that we're reading books. If they would catch people they would burn the book or put it in a bookroom at the station. On the way home from a long day of work Montag was walking home and met a girl named Clarisse and they talked the whole way home. She asked him a question before they walked into their homes, she asked him "Are you happy?" Montag thought about it at home. Clarisse got hit by a car and Montag was heartbroken. One day on the job Montag and other firemen went to a woman's house to get her books but before they got the books, she lit the books and herself on fire. After that Montag wondered what was so important about books that people would kill themselves for some books. So Montag stole some books from the book storage room at the station one of them was the Bible. Montag started reading books at home to his wife Mildred she told him it was wrong to be reading books but he didn't care. Montag could read books but he just didn't understand what he was reading, so he called a professor named Faber that he knew and Faber wasn't going to help Montag until he started ripping pages out of the last Bible in the world. Mildred called Captain Beatty about Montag's reading books, Captain Beatty, two other firemen, and the mechanical hound went to Montag's house. Montag and Captain Beatty had an argument and Montag burned him and the other firemen with the flamethrower. After that Montag had to get away from the mechanical hound and ran to professor Faber's house. After all of that stuff, Guy Montag still managed to read and learn how to understand what he was reading. He never quit on himself or the books.

Kevin Durant the NBA superstar was growing up in an environment that was bad to grow up in. He didn't really have that much support when he was younger, he lived with his grandma single mom and his older brother. He was born in Washington D.C September 19, 1988. Kevin grew up in Seat Pleasant, Maryland, when he was 10 years old he told his mom that he wanted to be a basketball player. Through his whole career his mom is the one that supported him, kept him in shape and lifting weights, she even coached his AAU team when he was 11 and 12. When he was at the age of 13-14 he grew to be 6'0 ft. For High School Kevin Durant went to Oak Hill Academy and his coach's name was Stu Vetter. Kevin Durant was drafted to the NBA in 2007, he was the number two pick in round one of the NBA draft by the Seattle Sonics. Kevin Durant had a very hard life and is now an NBA superstar. When he was younger he went through a lot but that didn't stop him from pursuing his dream of playing professional basketball. He went to the University of Texas 2006-2007. He was a top high school prospect and had a lot of offers to big colleges. After some years of living with his grandma, his mother, and older brother, they moved into a one bedroom apartment. The Seattle Sonics got changed to the Oklahoma City Thunder in the year of 2008. In 2016 Durant signed to the Golden State Warriors to win two

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back-to-back NBA Championships in 2016 and 2017. He was selected to be Rookie Of The Year in his first season of playing in the NBA, he was selected to be in nine All NBA teams. He starred in the movie Thunderstruck in 2012. After the offseason last year, Kevin Durant signed a four year contract with the Brooklyn Nets. Through all of the hard times that he and his family went through he didn't get discouraged about it, he just kept pushing and made it to the NBA.

Temetrius Jamel Morant A.K.A (Ja Morant) is an NBA rookie and is the top nominee for Rookie of The Year. Ja was born August 10, 1999 in Dalzell, South Carolina. Ja made it to the NBA by not quitting, he went to a college camp where different NCAA coaches come out and scout top high school prospects. After all of the skills and scrimmages they started calling players names to tell them to stay in the gym, if they didn't get their name called they had to go to the auxiliary gym. Ja didn't get his name called but that didn't make him give up on himself. Murray State's coach walked backed to the gym Ja and some other players were and started watching him play, they saw something that they wanted and gave him a full ride scholarship to Murray State University. After two years of college he entered the 2019-2020 draft, he was the second pick of round one, the Memphis Grizzlies pick him to be their starting point guard.

In conclusion all three of those peoples life that I talked about had a dream and pursued their dream that they had.