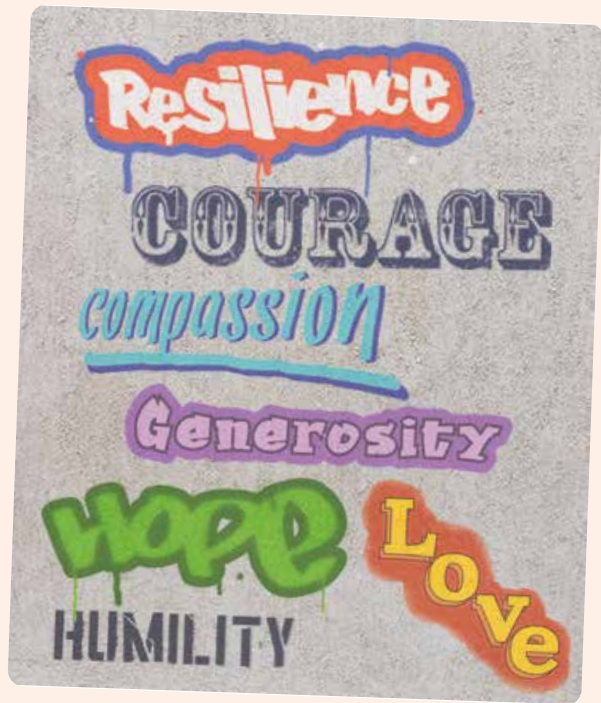


A group of Pharisees * came to Jesus saying, 'You must go! You must get away from here immediately! Herod * is looking for you. He is going to kill you.' But Jesus responded, 'Go and tell him – tell that fox, that I will not stop what I am doing. I will carry on driving out demons * and healing people, today and tomorrow. On the third day I will finish my work. But I must carry on my way today, tomorrow and the next day, for a prophet can only die in Jerusalem.'

Jesus was sad as he continued to talk about Jerusalem. 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem,' he said, 'you are the city that kills the prophets and God's messengers. So many times I have wanted to gather your people together – gather and protect them, like a mother hen keeps her chicks safe under her wings. But you wouldn't let me. You turned away from me. And now it is too late. You won't see me again until the day you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Luke 13:31-35



* See Share the Word.