



## Joshua's Courage – Week 1

### Announcements

- **301 Biblical Foundations** – Beginning Monday, September 9th at 7:00 pm. This 10-week class will give you the foundation you need to live the life God has designed for you. You can register at [www.churchoftheking.com/register](http://www.churchoftheking.com/register) and childcare is available. If you missed week 1 it's not too late!
- **Women's Night** – Dianne Wilson, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will have small groups launching following Women's Night. These groups will go through a 4-week message series by Dianne Wilson.
- **Are you looking for a place for your small group to serve?** Bring your small group members to 101 Starting Point to serve as Connectors. Our Connectors serve as a way to help make 101 Starting Point a great experience for all who attend. Email [Pathway@Churchoftheking.com](mailto:Pathway@Churchoftheking.com) to find out more information on how to get involved.

### Warm-up

What has been your favorite vacation? Why?

Just like a good vacation includes a journey to get to your destination, we are on a spiritual journey leading us to God's purpose for our lives. Today we are going to discuss the importance of trusting in God on our journey as we step out of our comfort zones and go forward with courage.

### Word & Application

**Read Joshua 1:1-2.** What do you think Joshua was thinking and feeling when he was commanded to take over leading the nation of Israel after the legendary Moses dies?

Sometimes we are faced with change because of circumstances we can't control. It is how we respond in these situations that define our future.

Why do you think most people would rather hold on to what is familiar instead of moving forward into the unknown?

Refusing to move forward into the unknown can cause us to miss out on God's best for our lives. Let's **read Joshua 1:3-9** to explore how Joshua responded to his call to move forward.

After reading this portion of scripture, what do you think gave Joshua the courage he needed to step out of the unfamiliar into the purpose God has for him?

Courage is not the lack of fear, but it is being able to act confidently in times of fear and uncertainty. Joshua was able to move forward in courage because God promised to be with him and go before him.

How would you live differently if you were confident God was with you and leading you on your journey? Why?

We tend to act out of our weaknesses instead of trusting in God. How can you establish your confidence in God, instead of acting out of your weaknesses?

**Read Joshua 1:5.** Just like Joshua drew courage from Moses, we can draw inspiration and courage from others that have gone before us.

Who do you look to inspire you to live courageously? Why?

**Read Joshua 1:8.** We must dedicate ourselves to reading, studying and meditating on God's Word. As we internalize God's Word we will begin to live with confidence on our spiritual journey of life.

Do you spend time reading and meditating on the Bible on a regular basis? If yes, how does it impact your life? If no, how can you begin to establish a regular time of Bible reading?

In what area in your life do you need to step out and act courageously? How can we, as a small group, encourage you in this area of your life?

## Prayer

Pray for everyone in the group to move forward in courage as God leads them. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.