



## Joshua's Courage

### WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### OVERVIEW

In this message of the series entitled, *Inside Matters*, we will learn how Joshua's character on the inside gave him the strength to overcome.

#### DISCUSSION

God often brings us to a place where we have to be courageous and step out by faith into the unknown. We tend to get anxious when we walk up to the edge of faith, and entering into the unknown can make us afraid on the inside. Today, as we look at Joshua from the Old Testament, we are going to see him facing a massive transition in life and entering his own unknown—with hundreds of thousands, if not a million, people following him. Read **Joshua 1:1-9**.

- Does the unknown make you afraid?

#### When You Need Courage:

1. Honor the past, but don't remain there.

**Joshua 1:1: After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun...**

Unfortunately, people often stay behind, camping on wonderful but past memories and tend to miss the next blessing God is trying to bring into their lives. It was right for the people to remember the miracles of God in the wilderness, and to respect and hold Moses dear in their hearts, but God didn't want the Israelites to miss His plan for them in their Promised Land.

Joshua was God's choice for leadership in the next season. Joshua represented a new era. God's saying, "Don't die in the old." Great things had happened, but God had something new. They were wise to remember the miracles, but at the same time, they were entering into a new and beautiful reality.

- Why do you think we sometimes get stuck in the past instead of moving forward in God's plan for our lives? Have you experienced a time like this?

2. Do it afraid.

**Joshua 1:3: “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.”** Courage is a quality of mind or spirit that enables us to meet danger, opposition, or the challenges of life with calmness and firmness. Many times, we think we should wait to do something until we are no longer afraid, but if we did that, we’d probably accomplish very little for God, for others, or even for ourselves. Joshua stepped out in faith and led—even when he was scared.

- Share a time when you stepped out in faith.

3. Draw inspiration from others.

**Joshua 1:5: “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”** We can draw inspiration and courage from others who have gone before us—others that have believed God and walked in their destiny. Joshua had watched Moses closely for decades and had seen how God had met him, led him, spoke with him, and encouraged him in the best and worst of times.

- Who inspires you? Why does that person inspire you?
- What are the benefits of learning from others?

4. En-courage yourself with the Word.

**Joshua 1:8: “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”** God promises to Joshua—and to all who choose to follow in his footsteps—courage and success if they meditated on His Word. Courage is not about will power, but Word power.

- What was the source of Joshua’s power?
- Why is it important to encourage ourselves with the Word?

## LIFE CHALLENGE

What area of your life do you need to build your courage? Ask God to show you these areas, and meditate on His Word.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & CLOSE IN PRAYER