The Courage of Joshua: Walking Boldly in Faith



Explore how Joshua exemplified courage through faith, obedience, and trust in God's promises to inspire your own bold walk with Him.





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Introduction

Courage is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it through faith. In the story of Joshua, we find a powerful example of how courage, deeply rooted in trust and obedience to God, can lead to incredible victories and transformative journeys. Joshua's life, chronicled in the Bible, teaches us that when God calls us to step out boldly, He also equips us to face challenges with confidence.

God's command to Joshua was clear: "Be strong and courageous." (Joshua 1:9) This call was not merely about physical bravery but about an unshakable trust in God's promises and His presence. Joshua took on the monumental task of leading the Israelites into the Promised Land, a mission filled with uncertainty and opposition. Yet, through faith, consistent reliance on God's word, and obedience, he became a model of courage for all generations.

In this 5-day study, you will dive deeply into moments of Joshua's journey where courage was required, understand the biblical principles that fueled his boldness, and learn how to apply these principles in your own life. Each day includes Scripture readings, devotional reflections, probing questions, journaling prompts, and prayers to help you internalize and live out courage inspired by Joshua's example.

Prepare your heart to be strengthened, encouraged, and empowered.

Whether you face small fears or daunting challenges, this study will help you embrace courage not as self-reliance but as a confident dependence on God's







faithful promises. Step forward today with the boldness of Joshua, knowing that God goes with you.









Day 1: V Courage to Lead









Day 1: O Courage to Lead

Your Verse

Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Supporting Scriptures

- Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."
- Psalm 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"







Day 1: ① Courage to Lead

Devotional: Leading with Strength Rooted in God's Promise

Leadership requires courage rooted in God's presence. As Joshua prepared to lead the Israelites into an unknown future, God's words set the foundation for his courage: "Be strong and courageous." This was not empty advice but a promise of God's constant presence and support. Leadership often thrusts us into situations filled with uncertainty and responsibility. Yet, Joshua's example reminds us that we do not lead alone; God's abiding presence transforms fear into fortitude.

God commands us to replace fear with courage because we belong to Him. Courage in leadership stems from recognizing that God is the ultimate guide and protector. Joshua's confidence wasn't in his own strength but in the steadfastness of God. When challenges arise, we are invited to choose courage—trusting that God is by our side no matter what we face.

Reflect on your life responsibilities and roles where courage is needed. Like Joshua, embracing God's promise shifts our perspective, allowing us to rise confidently, knowing God walks before us and behind us.







Day 1: **(**) Courage to Lead

Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears do you face in your current leadership or responsibilities?
	How does knowing God is always with you change your approach to challenges?
3.	In what ways can you practically 'be strong and courageous' today?







Day 1: **(**) Courage to Lead

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you had to lead despite feeling afraid.
2.	List God's promises that encourage you to be courageous.
3.	Describe how you can rely more on God's presence in your leadership.







Day 1: ① Courage to Lead

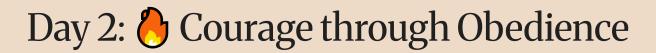
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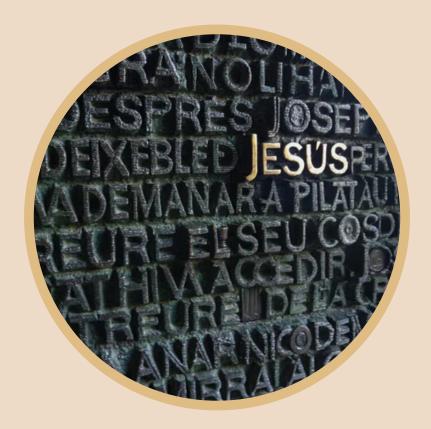
Dear Lord, thank You for reminding me that I am never alone in the challenges I face. Help me to embrace the courage You command, knowing Your presence is my strength and shield. When fear threatens to overwhelm me, fill my heart with boldness and peace. Teach me to lead with confidence rooted in Your promises, placing my trust wholly in You. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 🕽 💸

















Day 2: 6 Courage through Obedience

Your Verse

Joshua 6:20 – "When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Samuel 15:22 "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."
- Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."







Day 2: O Courage through Obedience

Devotional: Obedient Faith Unlocks God's Victory

Obedience fuels courageous actions. Joshua's faith-driven obedience at the battle of Jericho exemplifies courage in trusting God's unusual instructions. Instead of a direct attack, God told Joshua to march around the city walls silently for seven days, culminating with a loud shout and trumpet blast. This strategy required unwavering obedience despite the lack of visible tactics.

True courage often manifests when we obey God's commands, especially when they defy human logic. Joshua and the Israelites' obedience led to a miraculous victory, showing that following God's direction is a powerful act of bravery. Obedience links our faith to action—it is the pathway through which God's promises unfold in our lives.

When God calls us to step out in faith, it may mean taking steps that seem uncertain or illogical. But, like Joshua, our obedience through faith unlocks God's supernatural power and provision.







Day 2: 🖰 Courage through Obedience

Reflect and Apply

1.	Are there areas where God is calling you to obey but you hesitate?
2.	How can obedience increase your courage in facing challenges?
3.	What examples from Scripture inspire you to trust and obey God fully?







Day 2: 🖰 Courage through Obedience

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time God called you to an unusual act of faith.
2.	Reflect on how obedience deepened your relationship with God.
3.	List practical ways you can live in obedience today.







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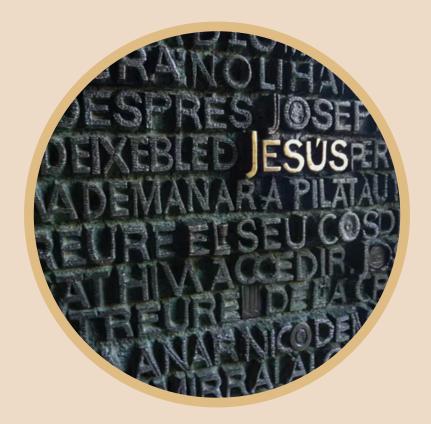
Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, teach me to trust Your voice above all others. Help me to obey Your leading wholeheartedly, even when it doesn't make sense to me. Strengthen my courage to follow Your path with faith and hope. May obedience be my response to Your love and direction, trusting You will accomplish Your will through me. In Your name, Amen.















Your Verse

Joshua 10:25 - "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight."

Supporting Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
- Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."







Devotional: Victorious Courage Against All Odds

Opposition tests and strengthens courage. Joshua faced united armies determined to stop God's people, yet he stood firm with confidence rooted in God's promise. God's word empowered Joshua not to succumb to fear or discouragement amid overwhelming odds.

Facing opposition is inevitable, but courage comes from knowing the Spirit in us instills power, love, and self-discipline. Fear has no place when God empowers us. Joshua's victory serves as a reminder that courage does not mean absence of struggle but faith that God fights for us.

When opposition comes, reflect on God's promise to be with you and to strengthen you. Courage is choosing to trust God's power rather than our limitations in hard times.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears arise when facing opposition in your life?
2.	How can the Spirit's power help you be courageous?
3.	In what ways can you remind yourself of God's promises daily?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a struggle where God helped you overcome fear.
2.	Write down Scriptures that encourage courage during hardship.
3.	Plan practical steps to rely on God's strength when opposed.







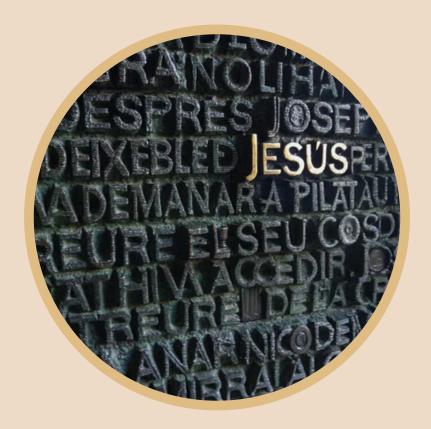
Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, in moments of opposition, help me stand boldly without fear or discouragement. Fill me with Your Spirit who empowers me with love, strength, and sound mind. Remind me that You go before me and fight on my behalf. May I face challenges with courageous faith, knowing You uphold me. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen. 🙏 💸















Your Verse

Joshua 3:4 - "But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it, so that you may know the way to go, since you have never been this way before."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."
- Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."







Devotional: Patient Courage in God's Perfect Timing

Trusting God's timing requires patient courage. Joshua and the Israelites stood before the Jordan River, unsure how to cross. God instructed them to follow the Ark of the Covenant at a specific distance, teaching them to trust His guidance and timing despite unfamiliar circumstances.

Courage is needed not only to act boldly but also to patiently wait and trust God's perfect timing. Joshua didn't rush ahead nor turn back but faithfully trusted God's direction step by step. This teaches us the importance of waiting with confident hope when God's plan unfolds on His schedule, not ours.

When waiting feels uncertain or difficult, remember Joshua's example of patient obedience paired with courage. Trusting God's timing allows us to walk securely even when the path is new.







Reflect and Apply

How do you respond when God's timing differs from your own?
What steps can you take to wait courageously on God?
In what ways has trusting God's timing brought you peace?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you had to wait on God's timing.
2.	List ways waiting on God builds your courage and faith.
3.	Reflect on Scriptures that encourage patient trust.







Prayer for Today

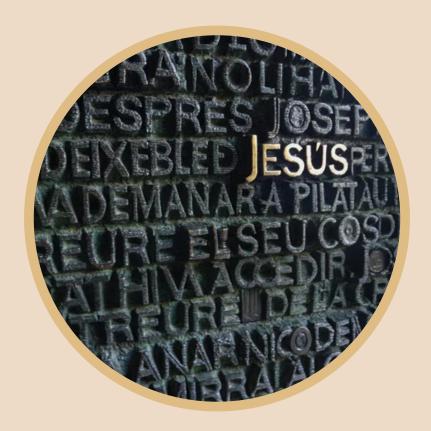
Gracious God, teach me to trust Your perfect timing in every situation. Help me to wait patiently and courageously, knowing You lead me step by step. When uncertainty tempts me to rush or doubt, remind me to follow Your guidance with faith. Strengthen my heart to rest in Your timing and purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Your Verse

Joshua 24:15 - "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Supporting Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
- Philippians 1:6 "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."







Devotional: Finish Strong with Courage and Faith

Courage sustains us to finish well in our faith journey. Near the end of his life, Joshua boldly declared his commitment to serve the Lord no matter what. This courageous stand inspires us to persevere and remain faithful through every season of life.

Finishing well requires courage to stay faithful to God's call despite challenges, distractions, and weariness. Like Joshua, we can commit to serve the Lord wholeheartedly, confident that He who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.

Reflect on your own spiritual journey. Courage today means holding fast to your faith and purpose, trusting God's sustaining power to help you finish strong and impact others.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas of your faith journey need renewed courage to continue?
	How can Joshua's example encourage you to commit your household or community to God?
3.	What practical steps will help you persevere in faith until the end?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a declaration of your commitment to serve God faithfully.
2.	Reflect on God's faithfulness throughout your spiritual journey.
3.	Plan ways to encourage others to finish well in their faith.







Prayer for Today

Lord Almighty, empower me with courage to finish strong in my walk with You. Help me to remain steadfast, faithful, and passionate in my commitment to serve You. May my life be a testimony of Your sustaining grace from beginning to end. Strengthen me to overcome discouragement and to press on with confidence, knowing You will complete the good work You started. In Jesus' name, Amen. Amen.







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