



WEEK 5: STRONG & COURAGEOUS

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Joshua is stepping into a new season without Moses, unknowing where God will lead Him. With Moses gone, the responsibility of leading his people is heavy. God gives Joshua a direction without detailed plan, but more so, God gives him a promise: *"I will be with you."* The Israelites already let fear hold them back before. Eventually, they will cross the waters that have held them back from everything they were promised by God. Joshua's story tells that courage isn't about having certainty—it's about trusting God enough to move anyway. When the future feels unclear, we do not anchor ourselves in outcomes, but in the presence and promises of God.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Into the Unknown

After Moses' death, God called Joshua in this new role to lead the people into the land God promised them.

- a. Have you ever stepped into something you didn't feel ready for? What was that like?
- b. What were your initial thoughts and feelings? How did you work through them?

2

God's Promises Are Enough

We don't read about Joshua's emotional experience becoming Israel's leader, but we just know God promises He will be with him and not desert him.

- a. Imagine Joshua's story: what do you do if all that you have is the voice of God to trust? What would you feel? Why or why not?
- b. How does this challenge you to approach future responsibilities without the detailed plan?

3

Fear of Not Succeeding

God tells Joseph to stay obedient to the law, not moving from it left or right, and they will prosper.

- a. Does our fear drive us to seek success more than staying in step with God? Why?
- b. Is God's version of success possibly different than ours? What do you think is God's idea of success?

4

God Is with Us

In **Joshua 1:9**, God tells Joshua, *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified or dismayed, for the Lord God will be with you wherever you go."*

- a. Where in your life do you need to hear this the most? Why?
- b. Where in your life do you believe this the most? What might help you start to believe it, if you struggle to?

Anchored to God

When the future feels unclear, we do not anchor ourselves in outcomes, but in God's promises.

- a. Where are you anchored to outcomes more than in God's promises?
- b. Why do you think God wants you to be anchored in His promises rather than fear? What does this say about Him?

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Reflection Questions: God tells Joshua, *"I will be with you wherever you go."*

- Where in your life do you feel tension between what God is asking of you and what feels safe or comfortable?
- What would taking even a small step forward in that look like this week?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Be Strong and Courageous—This week:

- Identify one fear for your future.
- Ask God: *"What truth do you want me to know here?"*

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you step into His wisdom, moving forward strength and courage.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:9 (NASB2020), *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.

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