

Joshua: Be Strong and Courageous

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Joshua hears the same command three times—each one answers a deeper question: why we're to be courageous (v. 6), how to be courageous (vv. 7–8), and the source of courage (v. 9).

1. Mission — Leading Israel into the Covenant Inheritance

"Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers." — Joshua 1:6

- Joshua's courage is tied to inheritance—fighting so the next generation receives what God promised.
- Purpose gives courage. Those who lose their "why" lose the will to keep going (Frankl).
- Your courage translates into someone inheriting God's blessings.

2. Character — Obedience in the Midst of Battle

"Be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law...meditating on it day and night." — Joshua 1:7–8

- Achan meditated on himself—what he wanted. In the heat of battle, he stole (Josh. 7:20–21).
- Joshua meditated on God—what God wanted. God fought for him (Josh. 10:12–14).
- Courage is more than fighting. It is the posture of remembering whose battle this truly is.

3. Trust — Courage Rooted in the Presence of God

"Be strong and courageous... for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

- In the first two commands, courage produces results. In the third, God's presence produces the courage.
- "I took Abraham... I gave Isaac... I sent Moses... I brought you out... I gave you a land" (Josh. 24:2–13).
- The greatest gift of the land was never the land itself—it was the presence of the God who gave it.
- The promise belonged to God. The battle belonged to God. And the future depended on continuing to live with the God who was already with them. **Be strong and courageous.**
 - *"As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." — Joshua 24:15*