

Series: Joshua

Sermon: The Courage to Face Overwhelming Odds

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### **Daily Readings**

Monday: Joshua 5

Tuesday: Joshua 6

Wednesday: Exodus 14

Thursday: Psalm 20

Friday: Isaiah 55

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 10

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about courage and facing overwhelming odds? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. When you hear the word courage, what do you usually associate it with (strength, action, risk, confidence)? How did this message expand or challenge that definition?
4. Where are you most tempted to rush God for clarity, answers, or next steps instead of resting in His presence? How does trusting God's presence require a different kind of courage than trusting a plan?
5. What are some modern versions of "marching around the city" that God might ask of His people today?
6. Where in your life does faith currently feel like "day 3 or 4"—obedience without evidence?
7. Interact with this statement: "*Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the presence of trust.*" Where is God inviting you to trust Him more deeply right now?
8. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

### **Action Step**

1. Spend time in prayer and reflection. Write down a challenge you're facing. Ask honestly, "Am I asking God to join my plan, or am I willing to join His work?"
2. As a group, name one area where obedience feels slow, unclear, or unimpressive. Commit to praying for it together over the next 6 weeks—without rushing outcomes.
3. Begin your next group meeting with worship or Scripture before discussing logistics, plans, or needs.