

# 5-Day Devotional: Be Strong and Courageous

## Day 1: Courage Rooted in God's Promises

Reading: Genesis 12:1-7; Joshua 1:1-6

Devotional: God's call to courage begins with His promises, not our abilities. Just as Joshua stood at the threshold of the Promised Land, you may be standing at the edge of something intimidating today. Notice that God didn't give Joshua a detailed battle plan—He gave him a promise. The courage God calls us to is covenant courage, rooted in His faithfulness across generations. Abraham received the promise, Moses affirmed it, and Joshua inherited it. The same God who kept His word to them keeps His word to you. Your inadequacy is not the issue; His sufficiency is the answer. Where are you hesitating because you feel unworthy? Remember, God's promises aren't based on your merit but on His unchanging character.

Reflection: What promise of God do you need to cling to today as you face uncertainty?

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## Day 2: Sustained by the Word

Reading: Psalm 119:97-105; Joshua 1:7-8

Devotional: Joshua's strength wasn't found in military strategy or personal charisma—it was sustained by submission to Scripture. God commanded him to meditate on His Word day and night, not turning to the right or left. This isn't optional guidance; it's essential fuel for faithful living. Consider the athlete who doesn't just read about their sport but practices daily. How much more should we, whose eternal destiny is at stake, be immersed in God's Word? Success in God's economy isn't measured by comfort but by faithfulness. When you carefully study Scripture, mark it up, wrestle with it, and obey it, you're positioning yourself for spiritual effectiveness. Is your Bible gathering dust or bearing the marks of a life transformed?

Reflection: What area of partial obedience needs to become full obedience in your life?

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## Day 3: The Nearness of God in Fear

Reading: Psalm 46; Isaiah 41:10; Joshua 1:9

Devotional: God doesn't deny our fears—He answers them with His presence. "I am with you wherever you go" isn't a promise of safety from all trouble, but a guarantee of divine companionship through it. Joshua would face battles, resistance, and uncertainty, yet God's nearness made all the difference. Fear becomes loudest when we lose awareness of God's presence. Like a frightened child calmed by a parent's reassurance, we find peace not in the absence of danger but in the presence of our Father. Whatever shelter-in-place warning life has issued you today—whether literal

or metaphorical—remember that God is your refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. He will not fail you or forsake you.

Reflection: What fear is currently louder than your awareness of God's presence?

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#### **Day 4: Faith That Moves to Action**

Reading: James 2:14-26; Hebrews 11:8; Joshua 1:10-11

Devotional: Joshua didn't ask for more reassurance after God spoke—he simply acted. Faith always moves from hearing to doing. The one to whom he would pray had already given clear direction, so delay would have been disobedience disguised as discernment. Abraham went out not knowing where he was going. The heroes of faith weren't those who had all the answers but those who obeyed despite uncertainty. Today is the day of salvation, the acceptable time. What step of obedience has God already made clear to you? What are you waiting for? Courage isn't proven by good intentions but revealed through obedient action. God may be calling you to lead in your family, workplace, or community. Or perhaps He's preparing you for future leadership through present submission.

Reflection: What immediate step of obedience is God asking you to take today?

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#### **Day 5: Leading Others to Obedience**

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Joshua 1:10-18

Devotional: God gave Joshua courage not just for personal victory but to lead an entire nation into obedience. Leadership in God's kingdom isn't about personal achievement—it's about pointing others to faithfulness. Whether you're leading a family, mentoring a friend, or shepherding a congregation, your calling is the same: teach them to observe all that God commanded. This requires that you first be rooted in His Word, sustained by His presence, and walking in obedience yourself. The people Joshua led weren't perfect—they were complainers and doubters. Yet God loved them and provided godly leadership. You don't need perfect circumstances or perfect people to fulfill God's call. You need God-confidence, not self-confidence. Where has God positioned you to influence others toward Him?

Reflection: Who in your sphere of influence needs you to lead them toward obedience to God's Word?