

# COURAGEOUS CROSSINGS

## LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSHUA

Sermon Series: Courageous Crossings: Lessons from the Life of Joshua

### Keep Your Receipts

Joshua Joshua 7:1–26

**Date: Sunday, August 17, 2025**

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.”

Joshua 8:30, “Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel...”

### Truth for Today:

- Receipts keep the record straight.
- Receipts remind us of a debt that was settled.
- Receipts show who gets the credit.

### Bottom Line:

The victories you remember become the courage you carry.

**1. A receipt serves as permanent proof that what was promised has been delivered.**

**Deuteronomy 27:4-8**, “And when you have crossed the Jordan, set up these stones on Mount Ebal, as I command you today...Build there an altar to the Lord your God...And you shall write very clearly all the words of this law on these stones you have set up.”

**Mt. Ebal: Barren**

**Mt. Gerizim: Blessing**

Mt. Gerizim  
Blessings

Mt. Ebal  
Curses



God's Word outlines the terms and conditions of His covenant.

**2. A receipt provides undeniable evidence of an exchange that settled a debt.**

- **Colossians 2:13-14**, "And you, who were dead in your trespasses, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."
- **John 19:30**, "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Jesus used the word "tetelestai," which means "paid in full."

**3. A receipt names the payer so there's no mistaking who gets the credit.**

- **Galatians 6:14**, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**, "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."

Every blessing we receive has a return address.

**Reflection and Application Questions:**

1. What's one moment in your life that is undeniable evidence of God's faithfulness?
2. How can you give God the credit publicly for that moment? Who will you share it with this week?
3. What altar could you build today that will outlive you?

