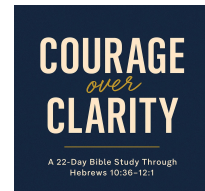


DAY 12 — Joshua: Courage That Learned to Trust Early



Aim of Today's Study

To see how Joshua's courage was formed long before Jericho—shaped through trust in God during the wilderness years—and to learn how Scripture-anchored obedience produces enduring courage when obstacles stand in the way.

Anchor Passage

Hebrews 11:30

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days." Victory came not through strength or strategy, but through obedient trust in God's Word.

Study Passages

Read slowly and attentively, noticing how Joshua's faith develops over time.

- **Numbers 13–14** — Joshua trusts God when fear dominates the majority
- **Joshua 1:1–9** — God commissions Joshua and anchors him in Scripture
- **Joshua 5:13–15** — Joshua encounters the Commander of the Lord's army
- **Joshua 6:1–20** — Obedience before understanding at Jericho
- **Psalms 20:7** — Trusting God rather than human strength

Summary for the Day

Joshua's courage did not begin at the walls of Jericho—it was forged years earlier in the wilderness. When fear shaped the majority opinion, Joshua learned to trust God's promises instead of visible obstacles. That early faith became the foundation for later obedience.

At Jericho, Israel encountered their first major barrier in the Promised Land. God's promise had not removed obstacles—it exposed them. Instead of offering a conventional strategy, God called His people to obedience rooted in trust. They prepared for battle not through innovation, but through surrender and attentiveness to God's Word.

Courage over clarity does not mean reckless action or blind optimism. It means steady obedience anchored in Scripture, even when progress is unseen and the path forward feels repetitive. Sometimes faith looks like walking in circles—trusting that God is at work long before anything visibly changes.

Joshua reminds us that obedience is our responsibility; breakthrough belongs to God. Courage grows when we surrender control and walk daily with the One who goes before us.

Life Application: Obedience Before Outcome

Joshua's story invites us to reflect honestly:

- Faith is often formed long before the moment it is tested.
- God's promises do not eliminate resistance—they refine trust.
- Scripture anchors courage when feelings and circumstances shift.

Courage over clarity means taking the next faithful step—not knowing how the story will unfold, but knowing who leads the way.

Reflection Questions

1. Where has God been shaping your faith long before the challenge you're facing now?
2. What "Jericho" in your life feels walled off despite God's promises?
3. How does grounding yourself in God's Word reshape how you view obstacles and delays?
4. Where might God be calling you to steady obedience rather than dramatic action?
5. What is one next step of faith you can take today—without waiting for clarity?

Closing Prayer

*God, teach me to trust You before the walls fall.
Anchor my courage in Your Word, not in my understanding.
Help me obey faithfully, even when I cannot see the outcome.
I surrender my plans to You and trust that You are at work.
Amen.*

