

## Faith over Fear – The Book of Joshua

### Small Group Discussion Guide

#### Icebreaker

Can you remember a time when you stood on the edge of something new — a new job, a move, a relationship, or another big life change?

How did you feel — excited, nervous, fearful, hopeful?

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#### Scripture Focus

Read aloud together: **Joshua 1:6–9**

“Be strong and courageous... Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

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#### Discussion Section 1 – Standing on the Edge

1. What do you think the Israelites were feeling as they stood on the edge of the Promised Land after 40 years in the wilderness?
  2. Why do you think God had to tell Joshua three times to be strong and courageous?  
(*Notice:* God’s presence (“I will be with you”) is the foundation for courage, not self-confidence or favorable circumstances.)
  3. What does it mean for us today to “walk by faith and not by sight”?
  4. How does remembering God’s past faithfulness give us courage for new challenges?
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#### Discussion Section 2 – God Goes Before Us

Read **Joshua 2:8–11**

1. What does Rahab’s story teach us about how God was preparing the way before Israel even entered the land?
  2. Can you think of a time when you recognized that God had already been working ahead of you in a situation?
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#### Discussion Section 3 – The Walls We Face

1. What “walls” in life can seem impossible to bring down without God’s help?  
(Examples: bitterness, fear, addiction, broken relationships, conflict/division, etc.)
  2. How does prayer help us trust God to do what only He can do?
  3. What does it practically look like to “let the battle belong to the Lord”?
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#### Discussion Section 4 – Hidden Sin and Faithful Obedience

Read **Joshua 7:10–12** (The sin of Achan).

1. Why does hidden sin have such devastating consequences on individuals and communities?
  2. What keeps people from confessing sin — fear, pride, shame?
  3. How can confession and accountability actually strengthen faith?
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#### Discussion Section 5 – Choose This Day

Read **Joshua 24:14–15**.

1. What idols or false gods are most tempting in our culture today?

2. What does it look like to “serve the Lord wholeheartedly” in your current season of life?
  3. How can we help each other remain strong and courageous in our faith?
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### **Application (5–10 min)**

Invite reflection:

“Where do you find yourself in the story of Joshua today?”

- Standing on the edge of something new?
- Facing walls that seem too big?
- Needing to confess hidden sin?
- Choosing daily whom you will serve?

Ask: What one step of faith will you take this week to trust God more deeply?

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### **Closing Prayer (5 min)**

Pray for courage to obey God even when afraid, for awareness that God goes before us, and for hearts that remain faithful and wholehearted in devotion to Him.

“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” – *Joshua 24:15*