



## Intro

Who is Joshua? Why is he important?

Joshua is a leader who stepped into one of the toughest roles imaginable: following Moses. He was the guy who led the Israelites into the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering and waiting in the wilderness. When Moses sent spies to scope out the land, Joshua and Caleb were the only two who came back confident in God's promises. He spent decades watching God do incredible things through Moses, and when his time came, God gave Joshua one powerful command: "Be strong and courageous." Joshua wasn't perfect—sometimes he hesitated, and other times he stumbled—but he trusted God, listened to Him, and experienced amazing victories.

Over the next five sessions, we're going to dive into Joshua's life, his leadership, and the moments where God challenged him—and through him, challenged us—to step up and live boldly. We'll explore some incredible stories, from Rahab's courageous faith to Joshua's challenge to the Israelites to finally choose who they were really going to serve. These ancient moments aren't just history lessons; they're powerful reminders of who God is and what He's calling us to today. Pray that as you read, reflect, and answer these questions, you'll discover what it means to live a life that is strong and courageous!



### **Session One**

# **Strong and Courageous**

#### THE POINT

God calls us to live with courage, knowing He is with us, obedience brings success, and His Word gives us strength.

#### **READ**

Joshua 1:1-9

#### **INTRO**

Following Moses as the leader would be intimidating, even scary. But that's exactly what Joshua had to do. And in that moment, God gave Joshua one of the most powerful pep talks in the Bible, telling him to "be strong and courageous." This wasn't a suggestion —it was a command, and God backed it up with three reasons why Joshua (and we) can live with boldness.

What does "strong and courageous" mean to you? When is it hardest to live that way?

Which of God's promises to Joshua stands out the most to you? Why?

How have you experienced God being "with you" in the past?
What does obedience look like in your everyday life?
How might studying the Bible help you feel more confident in your decisions and actions? What is one thing you can do this week to apply the truths from this passage to your life?

