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Everyday People, Extraordinary Faith

Joshua: Faith that is Courageous

Hebrews 11:30

After the death of Moses, God chose Joshua as the next leader of the Israelites. Joshua's first leadership test was the battle against Jericho, a fortified city with massive walls. Though Joshua did not know, God did. Seven different times God tells Joshua to, "be strong and courageous." Believers today must also be strong and courageous.

Additional Verses:

Deuteronomy 31: 6, 8 Joshua 1:1-9, 6:18-19 Psalm 40:1-3

Isaiah 55:8-9 Matthew 28:19-20 John 15:1-11

Outline:

1. Strong and courageous faith abides in God's love

2. Strong and courageous faith follows God's plan.

3. Strong and courageous faith waits for God's timing.

4. Strong and courageous faith heeds God's warning.

5. Strong and courageous faith recognizes God's presence.

Study Questions:

1. What is the difference between abiding and doing? Why are believers called to abide?

2. How has God's plans surprised you? Why are His thoughts and plans higher than ours?

3. When have you had to wait on God? How did that make you feel? What lessons did you learn while waiting?

4. Why does God provide warnings to believers? What is the promise found in 1 Corinthians 10:13? What does this teach us about the character of God?

5. How does the presence of God provide you strength and courage? When was a time when God's presence gave you the strength you needed? What did you learn about God?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?