

2026-07-19 Summary

This powerful message confronts us with a fundamental question that shapes our entire spiritual journey: Have we truly made up our minds about who Jesus is in our lives? Drawing from Deuteronomy 1 and Joshua 1, we're reminded of the Israelites who stood at the threshold of the Promised Land but allowed fear to paralyze them. Despite witnessing God's miraculous provision—manna from heaven, water from rocks, a pillar of fire by night and cloud by day—they grumbled in their tents and questioned God's love for them. The tragedy wasn't their circumstances but their wavering commitment. God repeatedly tells Joshua to 'be strong and very courageous,' not once but three times, because He knows our human tendency to waffle in our decisions. We face the same challenge today: we pick Jesus when we're in crisis, but unpick Him when we want to have fun or when life gets uncomfortable. The tug-of-war in our minds isn't between good and evil as much as it's between commitment and convenience. We're like children who say we don't want dessert, then reach over to take bites from someone else's plate. This spiritual inconsistency leaves us weak, discouraged, and living far below the abundant life Christ promised. The invitation is clear: make Jesus Lord not just in title, but in practice—welded to Him rather than merely glued or bolted, so that when life tries to break us, our connection to Him remains unshakeable.