

## **Take Courage**

I have good news. You can walk through life with courage because when you walk with God, you are never alone. God spoke to both Moses and Joshua and told them to be strong and courageous and to not fear. How was that even possible? They had wandered through the wilderness for 40 years, Moses was dead and now they face battles on every side. Yet through it all God was with them. Whether in a pillar of cloud or a pillar of fire, He was there. By God's provision alone, and in accordance with their obedience, Israel would take possession of and dwell in the land that God had promised them. The courage required for this would only be found in carefully obeying God. (See Joshua 1:7). We are to know his word and allow it to control us COMPLETELY. Yes, we fall short on a daily basis, but God has a plan and it will not fail. Take courage!

## **Week 13**

### **Bible Reading Plan**

Deuteronomy 27-31; Luke 12

Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 13; Luke 13

Joshua 1-4; Psalm 143; Luke 14

Joshua 5-8; Psalm 14; Luke 15

Joshua 9-13; Luke 16

### **Weekly Content Questions**

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

### **Application Questions**

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. What task has God asked you to do that seems difficult or maybe even impossible?  
Where will you find courage to attempt it?
2. If courage is defined as obeying God's word, no matter what, how courageous are you?  
What evidence is there of your courage?

3. Have you ever used God's sovereignty as an excuse to NOT do something? Why is this a slippery slope?
4. What shapes your decision making more: fear or faith? How does Luke 12: 22-31 give you comfort? Who in your circle might need to hear it?
5. What does it mean to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in Luke 14:25-33? Is your life marked by any of these things?

### **Final Thought**

When we could not defeat sin on our own, God sent his Son, Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

"He was perfectly courageous on our behalf....He perfectly measured up to God's standard of courage. We now stand before God as righteous because of the courageous righteousness of Jesus. That's very good news." - Paul David Tripp, *Everyday Gospel*.

Take heart my friends!