



COURAGEOUS CROSSINGS

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSHUA READING PLAN

Courageous Crossings: Lessons from the Life of Joshua Sermon Series Reading Plan

Courageous Crossings is a 6-week journey through the book of Joshua, inviting us to trust God through seasons of transition, testing, and new beginnings. As we follow Joshua and the people of Israel, we'll discover that courage is not the absence of fear—it's obedience in the face of it. This daily reading plan pairs with the sermon series, offering Scripture, reflections, and questions to help you hear God's voice, remember His promises, and respond in faith—even in the land between.



WEEK 1

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Week 1: The Land Between

Theme: God shapes His people in seasons of uncertainty—not to punish them, but to prepare them. The wilderness isn't wasted. It's in the land between—after deliverance but before fulfillment—that God does some of His most important work. When life feels uncertain, delayed, or disoriented, it's easy to assume something has gone wrong. But in Scripture, we see a different pattern: God often uses in-between seasons to refine identity, deepen trust, and reframe vision. The wilderness wasn't Israel's destination—but it was their formation ground. God didn't lead them there to crush them, but to prepare them for the weight of the promise ahead. In your own in-between moments, what if God isn't absent—but present, shaping you into someone who can carry what He's about to give?

Day 1: The Gap Between Promise and Possession

Read: Joshua 1:1–9

Reflection: Joshua stands on the edge of transition. Moses is gone. The wilderness is behind. The promise lies ahead. And yet, God doesn't rush him into action—He reminds him of His presence, His promises, and His commands. Joshua is not stepping into new ground alone; he is stepping forward with God's Word in his mouth and God's presence at his side.

Key Thought: The “land between” isn't wasted. It's God's workshop.

Question: Where do you need courage right now to obey what God has already made clear?

Day 2: God Led You Here on Purpose

Read: Deuteronomy 8:1–5

Reflection: This passage reframes the wilderness years. What seemed like a setback was actually a setup—for humility, dependency, and maturity. God let them hunger, not to harm them, but to teach them that His Word was more vital than bread. God's goal wasn't to get them to the land quickly—it was to shape them into people who could steward His blessing when they arrived.

Key Thought: The wilderness isn't just a delay—it's divine development.

Question: What lesson or habit might God be trying to establish in your “in between” season?



Day 3: When Complaint Replaces Vision

Read: Numbers 11:1–6

Reflection: The Israelites remembered Egypt with nostalgia, not accuracy. Hardship in the present distorted their memory of the past. Rather than trusting God to provide, they let craving become complaining—and it spread like wildfire. God hears our pain, but complaint that refuses to trust becomes rebellion. The land between reveals whether we worship God—or just comfort.

Key Thought: Behind every complaint, there's a dormant vision for something better.

Question: Are there places in your life where discontent is drowning out what God has promised?

Day 4: Today, If You Hear His Voice

Read: Hebrews 3:7–19

Reflection: The New Testament frames the wilderness generation as a warning and an invitation. What kept them out of the promise wasn't just rebellion—it was unbelief. Every day is a chance to soften your heart, hear God's voice, and respond with trust. The land between is dangerous when we harden—but sacred when we listen.

Key Thought: You can't inherit God's promises with a hardened heart.

Question: What would "softening your heart" look like today?



Day 5: Day 5: Remember How He Led You

Read: Deuteronomy 1:26–36

Reflection: Even after miracles, the people refused to trust. Fear overshadowed memory. But Caleb—and later Joshua—held onto what God had said. They saw giants, too. But they chose to believe God was bigger. God honors those who remember and rely on His faithfulness—especially in the land between.

Key Thought: Remembering what God has done builds faith for what He will do.

Question: What are three ways God has led or provided for you in past seasons?

Day 6: Faith in the Middle of the Mess

Read: Numbers 14:1–10

Reflection: The people wept, rebelled, and talked of turning back. But Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and spoke faith in the face of fear. The land between had crushed the crowd—but it refined the faithful. Sometimes, faith looks like being the minority voice that still believes God is able.

Key Thought: Faith is often lonely before it's victorious.

Question: Where do you need to speak faith even if you feel outnumbered?

Day 7: What Is God Doing In You?

Read: : James 1:2–4

Reflection: Trials test more than your patience—they test your character. But when you persevere, something deeper is happening: maturity, endurance, and wholeness. The land between is God's classroom, and the goal is not just to get through it—but to come out transformed on the other side.

Key Thought: God doesn't waste wilderness—He uses it to build something in us that comfort never could.

Question: How is God shaping who you're becoming through what you're walking through?