



# 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 6: Faith in the Middle of the Mess

**Read:** Numbers 14:1–10

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup>All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup>Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup>And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

<sup>5</sup>Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. <sup>6</sup>Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes <sup>7</sup>and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. <sup>8</sup>If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. <sup>9</sup>Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

<sup>10</sup>But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.

**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?

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