



BREAKING

CAMP

Week 2 - Courageous Hope

An invitation to step forward

Last week, we looked at where we are stuck...where we have been long enough. Now it's time to break camp, and move forward with courageous hope.

Prepare your campsite. Prepare your mind. Staying is no longer an option. Blaming God and making excuses only destroys us. Let's move out!

It's time to BREAK CAMP!

DAY 1 — REMEMBERING HOW GOD HAS CARRIED YOU

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:31

"There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son."

Reflection

Hope often begins with memory. Before Israel ever faced the giants of the land, they had already experienced the care of God in the wilderness. God did not abandon them when the road was hard—He carried them.

Fear causes us to forget. Hope helps us remember.

Today is not about fixing the future. It's about recalling the faithfulness of God in your past.

Prayer

Lord, help me remember the ways You have carried me—when I was weak, uncertain, or afraid.

Restore my memory where fear has blurred it.

Thank You for being faithful even when I didn't notice.

Amen.

Questions

Where have I seen God carry me in the past? How did you feel at the time?

What season did I survive that I couldn't have handled on my own?

What does remembering God's faithfulness stir in me today?

How has God been faithful to this church in the last 5 years?

Step Forward

Write down one story of God's faithfulness and thank Him for it—out loud if possible.

DAY 2 — TRUSTING GOD’S HEART

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:27–28

“You grumbled... and said, ‘The Lord hates us.’”

Reflection

Israel’s deepest struggle was not fear of the land—it was suspicion of God’s heart. When circumstances grew hard, they questioned God’s love. This goes back to the garden and the fall. And truth is, we have all given in to that temptation to not trust God’s love for us. We don’t act because we think God is disappointed in us.

Courageous hope rests not just in God’s power, but in His goodness, in the reality of His passionate love.

God does not lead His people forward to harm them. He leads them forward because He loves them.

Prayer

God, I confess the moments when I’ve doubted Your heart. Heal the places where disappointment has distorted my view of You. Help me trust that You are for me—even when I don’t understand the path. Amen.

Questions

When have I questioned God’s goodness?

What assumptions about God might fear be shaping?

What do I believe God’s intentions toward me are right now?

How can the church offer hope and courage to others when they feel this way?

Step Forward

Today, replace one fearful thought with this truth:

“God is good, and He is for me.”

DAY 3 — HOPE MOVES BEFORE FEAR DISAPPEARS

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:29–30

“Do not be afraid... The Lord your God goes before you.”

Reflection

God never asked Israel to feel brave. He asked them to trust Him. Hope is not the absence of fear—it is the decision to move forward while trusting God.

Waiting for fear to leave often keeps us camped longer than God intends. You've stayed here long enough.

Courageous hope steps forward because God goes before us.

Prayer

God, I admit I often wait until I feel ready. Teach me to trust You enough to move even when fear is still present. Go before me today, and give me courage for the next step. Amen.

Questions

Where might I be waiting for fear to disappear before obeying?

What step could I take even if I still feel uncertain?

What would trusting God look like today—not someday?

How can we as a church move out in trust?

Step Forward

Take one small obedient step you've been delaying—send the message, make the call, begin the prayer.

DAY 4 — WHAT HOPE LOOKS LIKE

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:21

“Go up and take possession... Do not be afraid or discouraged.”

Reflection

Hope has a shape.

It remembers God’s faithfulness.

It trusts God’s heart.

It moves forward with God.

Hope is not loud confidence—it is quiet trust that God will be faithful again.

Today, God’s invitation is not to conquer everything, but to take the next step with Him.

Prayer

God, show me what hope looks like in my life right now. Help me trust You in practical, everyday ways. Teach me to walk forward with You—not rush ahead or lag behind. Amen.

Questions

What does hopeful obedience look like in my current season?

Where is God inviting me to trust Him more deeply?

How can I practice hope in a tangible way today?

How can we as a church move forward in hope?

Step Forward

Practice hope by acting in trust, not retreat—pray, give, encourage, or serve.

DAY 5 — CHOOSING COURAGEOUS HOPE

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:32

“In spite of this, you did not trust the Lord your God.”

Reflection

Hope is always a choice. Israel stood at the edge of promise, but fear persuaded them to stay camped. God’s invitation still stood—only their response wavered.

Today, God invites you to choose hope again. Not because the giants are gone—but because He is faithful. If you've decided in your heart you'll be defeated, you will be. But it's not your heart we hope in, it's God's!

Prayer

God, today I choose hope. I trust You with what I cannot control. I believe You are leading me forward, step by step. Strengthen my faith and help me walk with You. Amen.

Questions

Where do I sense God inviting me forward?

What fears am I releasing to Him today?

What does choosing hope mean for me this week?

How can the church live in courageous hope together?

Step Forward

End the week by praying this simple prayer:

“Lord, I trust You—lead me forward.”

Looking ahead

In the next few weeks, we will continue to break camp. It's a journey of hope, courage, generosity, and so much more. As you prepare for the next sermon, ask God to show you where you need hope--courageous hope. pack up your camp and, open your eyes with a pioneering heart and let's see what God does in our lives and church!

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For more information on the journey in the wilderness, see the Bible Project's video:

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/the-wilderness/>



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