

Day 8 — Faith That Walks in Courage

Scripture:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” — Joshua 1:9

Devotional:

Courage is not the absence of fear — it's the decision to move forward even while fear is present. God never asks you to be fearless; He asks you to trust Him enough to take the next step. Courage is born in the moments when you feel unsure, unqualified, or overwhelmed, yet you choose to believe that God is with you.

Joshua received this command at a moment of transition. Moses was gone. The responsibility of leading an entire nation rested on his shoulders. The future was uncertain. The challenges ahead were real. And yet God didn't give Joshua a strategy first — He gave him a promise: *“I will be with you wherever you go.”* Courage doesn't come from confidence in yourself; it comes from confidence in God's presence.

You may be facing something that feels bigger than you — a decision, a change, a calling, a conversation, a healing journey, a new season. You may feel unprepared or afraid. But courage rises when you remember that you are not walking into it alone. God goes before you. God stands beside you. God strengthens you from within.

Courage doesn't always look bold. Sometimes it looks quiet — showing up when you'd rather hide, trying again after disappointment, speaking truth with a trembling voice, choosing healing over avoidance, or taking one small step when you wish you had the whole map. God honors every act of courage, no matter how small it seems.

Today, God is whispering the same words He spoke to Joshua: *“Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. I am with you.”* Let those words settle into your spirit. Let them steady your heart. Let them remind you that courage is possible because God is present.

Reflection:

What situation in your life is requiring courage right now?

Where do you feel fear trying to hold you back?

What would it look like to take one brave step today — even a small one?

Let God's presence be the source of your courage.

Guided Prayer:

Lord, give me courage today. Strengthen my heart in the places where I feel afraid or uncertain. Remind me that You are with me in every step I take. Help me trust Your presence more than I trust my fears. Fill me with boldness, peace, and confidence that comes from You alone. Amen.

Daily Practice:

Take one courageous step today — even if it's small.

Say aloud: *“God is with me. I will not fear.”*

