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When Did You Have to Push Through Fear?

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READING 1

Read Joshua 1:6–7

Commentary

God commands Joshua three times to be strong and courageous. Courage is not the absence of fear; it is faithful action in the presence of fear. Notice the link: courage is tied to careful obedience to the law. Bravery without submission to God's Word is just self-reliance.

1. What does God repeatedly command Joshua to be?

2. How is courage connected to obedience in these verses?

3. Why might God emphasize courage so strongly at the start of Joshua's leadership?

READING 2

Read Joshua 1:8–9

Commentary

The book of the law is not to depart from Joshua's mouth; he is to meditate on it day and night. Then God promises, "I will be with you wherever you go." The foundation of courage is not self-confidence but the presence of God.

4. What does God tell Joshua to do with the book of the law?

5. What promise does God give to ground Joshua's courage?

6. How does knowing God is with you change the way you face fear?

READING 3

Read Isaiah 41:10

Commentary

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Five promises meet the fear. God's presence, identity, strength, help, and upholding hand are the answer.

7. List the promises God makes in this single verse to the person who is afraid.

8. When have you had to push through fear? What helped you keep going?

9. What fear are you facing right now, and how does this passage speak to it?