



## Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Courage is Commanded*

Text: Joshua 1:10-18

Service Date: October 27, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### Getting Started

- The sermon opened talking about how baseball player Pete Rose seemed larger than life to some individuals when he was at the peak of his career. Is there anyone that comes that has seemed “larger than life”? What made/makes them this way?
- Take a moment to read Joshua 1:10-18. What things stick out to you about this passage?

### Sermon Discussion

- Have you ever been given an extremely difficult task that caused you to second guess yourself and your ability? When you became discouraged, how did you stay on task and remember your purpose?
- When taking on a significant task, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed by potential problems that might arise. The sermon noted a few potential issues or problems: doubting hearts, distorted self-image, desire for security. When God calls us to a significant task and we begin to doubt the process (or One who called us), what are some ways to maintain our focus on the calling and not our feelings or self?
- Sometimes we must act like Caleb and Joshua did when they went against the 10 other spies who were against conquering the Promised Land, where we must also go against the “majority” because our faith requires it. How do we determine that God is calling us to something if that “something” seems to be doubted by a majority of those around us, including friends and family?
- When those around us disagree, how can we respectfully disagree and maintain unity? Have you found that most things in life are actually minor

things but treated as majors? (Thus, in life, we major in minors and minor in majors when it comes to priorities and disagreements)?

- In what ways can others be encouraged in their faith, when you share how God has worked through your struggles?
- Paul Snoddy was transparent in sharing “One of my weaknesses of my own faith is sometimes a preference of security over failure.” It is within our human nature to relish in feelings of security instead of basking in our faith. What are some other examples of personal desires in your life that are overshadowing your faith in God?
- Joshua made a decision that was clear, wise, and respectful. This doesn’t mean that his decisions were easy, weren’t met with opposition, and weren’t accepted by all. But he was a man of God that sought to live a life of integrity. What things come to mind when you consider any decisions or actions that were based in faith but not popular opinion (local to you/your family or on larger platforms)?
- This week, is there someone you not only need to be praying for but reaching out to and mending a relationship? What’s holding you back from responding like Jesus would?

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## **Resources**

Book: *Lead Like Joshua* by Derek Tidball

Book: *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders

## **Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?**

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit [tri-village.org/yourstory](http://tri-village.org/yourstory) and share how God worked.