



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Courage Through Adversity

Joshua 1:9

1. How does knowing we will face adversity help us prepare for it?

Scriptures: **John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:12**

- What are some ways adversity has shaped your spiritual, emotional, or intellectual growth?
- How does Jesus' promise to bring peace in the midst of trouble encourage you?
- Billy Graham said, "Fruit is grown in the valleys." What kind of "fruit" (character growth) has God cultivated in you during a difficult season?
- What does it practically look like to be prepared for adversity?

2. In what areas of life is it hardest for you to act courageously?

Scriptures: **Joshua 1:9, Numbers 14:6-10**

- Pastor Dan mentioned struggling with internal adversity, especially around confrontation. Can you relate?
- Joshua showed courage when others didn't. What helped him stand firm in his identity in God?
- Is there an area of your life where you need to step out in courage right now?
- How does your understanding of your identity in Christ impact your ability to be courageous?

3. What does it look like to choose Christ over culture in your own life?

Scriptures: **Exodus 16:2-3**

- The Israelites preferred slavery in Egypt over the uncertainty of the wilderness. What "Egypt" are we tempted to return to?
- What comfortable or familiar habits, relationships, or environments might God be asking you to leave behind to follow Him more fully?
- How have you seen avoidable adversity result from choosing comfort over obedience?
- How can the group encourage each other to trust God during uncomfortable but necessary change?

4. When have you prioritized pleasing people over pleasing God?

Scriptures: **Galatians 1:10**

- Pastor Dan shared regret about not holding a friend accountable due to fear. Have you ever faced a similar situation?
- What does it mean to be in conflict with man but at peace with God?
- How can we develop a habit of choosing God first, even when it leads to tension with others?
- Which of the six practices Pastor Dan shared (see below) do you need to grow in most?

Building Courage Through Intimacy with God:

1. Read and pray every day
2. Listen and obey
3. Ask God what lies are holding you back
4. Ask God to reveal truth to you
5. Commit His promises to memory
6. Choose God first

Closing Challenge

- Which point from today's discussion stuck with you the most?
- What's one courageous step you can take this week to follow God more fully?