



A JOSHUA 1 REFLECTION JOURNAL

When You Cannot See the Whole Road

Courage, discernment, and the next faithful step

You do not need every answer before you can walk faithfully. This journal creates space to name what you are carrying, remember who God is, and discern what faithfulness looks like today.

A MESSAGE OF HOPE MINISTRY

Start Where You Are

Read Joshua 1:1-9 slowly before you begin. You are not trying to force an answer. You are making room to notice what is true, what is unclear, and what God may already have made clear.

Before God tells Joshua what to do, He reveals who He is.

JOSHUA 1:5-9

A GENTLE REMINDER

Sometimes wisdom says move. Sometimes wisdom says wait, gather information, seek counsel, or reconsider. Courage is not recklessness, and uncertainty is not a failure of faith.

What part of the road feels hidden from you right now?

What are you most afraid might happen if you take the next step?

What do you wish certainty would give you - control, safety, reassurance, permission, something else?

Finish this sentence: "God, this is the part I cannot see..."

Begin With Who God Is

Joshua did not know the whole road ahead, but God did not begin by giving him more information. He began with His own faithfulness and presence.

"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."

JOSHUA 1:5

What does Joshua 1 show you about God - His character, His faithfulness, or His presence?

Where have you already seen God remain faithful, even when the outcome was not what you expected?

Which truth about God is hardest for you to trust in this situation?

Complete this sentence: "I do not know _____, but I know God is _____."

What Has God Already Made Clear?

When the future is uncertain, we often ask for more information. Joshua 1 also asks us to pay attention to what God has already revealed through His Word.

"Am I asking God to reveal something He has not told me while neglecting something He already has?"

REFLECTION FROM THIS WEEK'S BLOG

What does Scripture already make clear about how you should live, speak, respond, forgive, love, repent, serve, or seek wisdom here?

Is there anything clear that you have been delaying because you want more certainty first?

Where might fear be making the easier option look more attractive than the faithful one?

CLEAR TODAY

STILL UNCLEAR

What Is Mine to Do Today?

Joshua could not control every battle ahead. He did have a responsibility in front of him. Faithfulness becomes more manageable when we separate today's responsibility from tomorrow's unknowns.

"Be strong and courageous..." Courage is not ignoring the weight of responsibility. It is accepting what is ours to do because God is trustworthy.

JOSHUA 1:6

What responsibility is actually in front of you right now?

What decision genuinely needs to be made now - and what can wait?

MINE TO CARRY TODAY

NOT MINE TO CARRY YET

The next faithful step I can name today:

Test the Next Step

A brave step is not automatically a wise step. The blog reminds us that impressions, open doors, and strong feelings still need to be tested against Scripture, God's character, wisdom, and mature counsel.

USE THESE QUESTIONS SLOWLY

You do not need a perfect score. These questions are meant to help you notice where clarity is growing and where more prayer, information, or counsel may be needed.

- ☐ Does this step align with what Scripture clearly teaches?
- ☐ Does it reflect the character of God rather than contradict it?
- ☐ Am I moving from faithfulness rather than panic, pressure, or the need to control the outcome?
- ☐ Do I need more facts, time, preparation, or wise counsel before acting?
- ☐ Am I treating a strong feeling, an open door, or a closed door as automatic proof of God's direction?
- ☐ Would this choice require me to compromise something God has already made clear?

What does wisdom say my next step should be?

Keep Going Because God Is With You

The third call to courage in Joshua 1 returns to the foundation: God is with Joshua. His presence does not promise an easy road. It means the road is not faced without Him.

"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9

What fear or discouragement might show up after you take the step?

When that happens, what truth about God do you want to remember?

Who is one wise and trustworthy person who can encourage you or help you stay faithful?

What would help you practice awareness of God's presence this week - prayer, Scripture, a written reminder, a quiet pause, something else?

The road is uncertain. God is not.

Let your confidence rest in the One who sees what you cannot.

My Next Faithful Step

You do not have to solve the whole road today. Name the step that is faithful, wise, and small enough to begin.

WITHIN THE NEXT 7 DAYS, I WILL...

Before I do it, I want to pray...

One person I can ask for wisdom, prayer, or support...

One truth from Joshua 1 I want to carry with me...

What I am choosing to release to God because it is beyond my control...

A PRAYER FOR THE NEXT STEP

Faithful God, You already see what I cannot. Keep me from demanding certainty before I obey what You have made clear. Ground me in Your character, Your Word, and Your presence. Give me wisdom where I need to wait, courage where I need to move, and humility to test my assumptions. Help me take the next faithful step without pretending I can control the road ahead. Thank You that I do not walk alone. In Jesus' name, amen.