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Joshua 3:1-17

What would you say if God asked you to lead many others, as He asked Joshua? Speak His words to prominent leaders, as He instructed Daniel? Become a traveling missionary like Paul? God wants us to respond with courage when He calls us to tackle something beyond our ability.

Our first step toward bravery is meditation on Scripture—we're to search for its meaning as if hunting for treasure. With the Spirit's help, we will understand how to apply the Bible's wisdom to our situation.

Next is obedience to the Word. As we contemplate God's truths, they become imprinted on our minds and influence our actions. Scripture is meant to shape our thinking and cause us to follow biblical principles. The more we think God's way, the closer we'll follow Him.

Trusting in God's promises is a third action that builds courage. Joshua crossed the Jordan River towards Jericho because he took God at His word.

The fourth step is to remember past victories. Young David, the shepherd boy, did this effectively. Recalling God's past protection gave him the courage to fight against the Philistine giant, Goliath (1 Sam. 17). Practicing these steps will empower us to focus on victory rather than defeat, disregard fearfulness in others, and obey God without alarm over possible consequences.

God wants His followers to bear witness of Him to an unbelieving and often hostile world. Will you speak the truth of Jesus Christ’s resurrection, His saving power from sin, and His promised return? The Lord is calling your name. How will you reply?

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