



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Courage*
Message: *Gathering Courage
for the Future*

Scripture: *Numbers 13-14,
Joshua 1-2*

Date: *September 22-23, 2018*

—[LET'S START]—

Last week Wooddale Church celebrated our 75th Anniversary. Anniversaries are milestones that give us an opportunity to remember the faithfulness of God. What are some ways that you have seen God's faithfulness displayed in your life? How have you seen God's faithfulness displayed towards Wooddale Church?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. In his sermon, Pastor Dale talked about how the Children of Israel had too small a view of what God could do. When some spies saw some giants in the land of Canaan, the majority of spies failed to believe that God could accomplish what he had promised do. Dale said, "We often reveal our view of God individually and as a church by the degree to which we are willing to accomplish his purposes for our lives and His church." What are some of the purposes that God has revealed to us individually and as a church, that are sometimes difficult to live out? What makes living for Christ in this generation so difficult?
2. Read Numbers 14:24. According to this verse, Caleb (and Joshua) were men of a different spirit. What does that mean?
3. Read Joshua 1:1-6. Pastor Dale said that this section of Scripture shows us how important vision is in gathering courage for the future. What are some of the most compelling visions that you have been a part of? How has vision influenced you? What are some ways that you can be more intentional about living on mission for Jesus?
4. Vision 22 is to impart the hope of the Gospel to 700,000 people here, near and far by the year 2022, and to provide a clear pathway toward spiritual maturity. How much personal responsibility do you think each of us should own as it relates to that vision? What excites you about that vision? Does anything scare you about that vision?
5. Read Joshua 1:6-7. In these verses God told Joshua to be strong and courageous three times. Repetition in the Bible matters. Why do you suppose God repeated this command three times?

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—[LET'S ACT]—

Hope means a confidence assurance. It's taking what we've personally experienced to be true in Jesus and demonstrating it in our personal lives, our community of faith and our endeavors in the world around us. This week pray for opportunities for God to use you to impart the hope of the Gospel to others. As a group ask God to give you the eyes of Jesus for the world around you, the heart of Jesus for those who need him, and the hands of Jesus to make a difference.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- God told the Israelites to carry 12 rocks out of the Jordan River and pile them up on the side to serve as a powerful reminder that God was the source of their success.
- Israel got into trouble when they were unwilling to remember, recite and renew their faith in God.
- Sometimes our view of God is way too small.
- Caleb and Joshua would both enter the Promised Land and conquer it by the grace and power of God because they were men of a different spirit!
- Caleb and Joshua preferred the depth and swell of God's presence over the shallows of human fear and hesitation.
- Gathering courage for the future requires:
 - Vision – Joshua 1:1-6
 - Courage – Joshua 1:6-7

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