

Remember

Week 1 – July 12

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9 & Exodus 33:11

Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!

Share: Would you rather fly in a hot air balloon or drive a racecar? Why?

Read Joshua 1:1-9 & Exodus 33:11 together: Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

Discuss the following context:

The story of Joshua is the story of a leader who God chose to lead His people into a land He promised them centuries ago. Joshua and the people quickly discovered this land could only be possessed when they walked in obedience to God, and chose to depend on God's strength and not their own. To help them do this, God commanded His people to remember His faithfulness to them in the past.

Remembering is powerful. Remembering our past propels us into our future. Sometimes when we fail, feel insecure or lack faith, remembering WHO God is and WHOSE we are provides the courage to move forward into an unknown future. Joshua's leadership and trust of God is a powerful reminder of how we can lead in the middle of the unknowns. While we may not know the future, we do know WHO holds the future.

Share your thoughts about the following questions:

1. In Exodus 33:11 Joshua sat outside the tent as Moses engaged with God. God's presence in the midst of Joshua's faithfulness prepared him for future leadership. Consider how your past influences your future. What moments in your life formed you for right now? For the future?
2. Remembering the times that God did the impossible can encourage us to believe that God will do the impossible for us and propel us to a life of courage. Think about the challenges of this year (COVID-19, economy, work/school, justice, etc.) and future unknowns. In what areas of your life do you need courage to navigate the road ahead?
3. How does our obedience to God help us to be strong and courageous?

Pray together: Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Ask God in what areas He wants you to be strong and courageous. Ask God to help you remember His presence, His provision, and His principles. Thank Him for forming you for the future that He holds.

Question for Kids and Families: Read Joshua 1:9 out loud. God told Joshua, "Be strong and courageous. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." There may be times you don't feel strong or you don't have courage, but God is always with us. When are times in your life that God helped you or could help you be strong and courageous?