

**SERMON SERIES:** Delivered: The Battle Begins  
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**Key Line** Fear is overcome when we live with courageous faith.

## Introduction

Scott told us that the most often repeated command in Scripture is, "Do not fear". Have the people in your group share a statement of 5 words or less that is a lie they have believed that has made them fearful to move forward in their lives. Example: "They are better than me."

## Seek the Word

Read Joshua 1:1-9

- Who is Moses' replacement?
- What does God ask him to do?
- God gives him one command 3 times -
- Why do you think He repeats this command to be strong and courageous?

Read Joshua 6:1-5

- What is the battle plan?
- What will God's plan demonstrate?
- What did God say in verse 2?
- What would believing that do for Joshua's courage?
- 6:20 tells us the result. What happened?

## Talk About It

What does it mean to have courageous faith?

- Courage is not the absence of fear; it is moving forward in spite of it.
  - How can you conquer your fears in order to conquer your walls?
  - How can you believe the promises God has already accomplished for you?
- Instead of focusing on what you can't do, focus on what God can do.
  - When you are stuck in your fear who are you focusing your thoughts on?
  - What did God want to teach the people with the battle plan He designed for the defeat of Jericho?
  - How does He want to teach you the same thing?

Are you moving forward in spite of fear?

If not, what can you do to make your faith courageous?

What do you think happens to fears you do not conquer?