



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Dive In

When has there been a time in your life when you had to be courageous for your faith?

Dig Deep

Scripture: **Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 23**

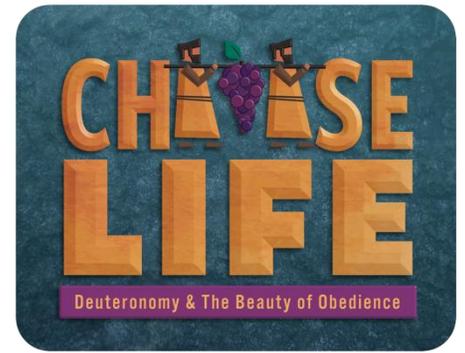
“1 Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: 2 “I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not cross the Jordan.’ 3 The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said. 4 And the LORD will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. 5 The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” 7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. 8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” 23 The LORD gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: “Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you.”

- Why is there a tendency toward fear and discouragement?
- On three occasions in Deuteronomy 31 the words, “Be strong and courageous” appear.
 - To whom are these words written?
 - What is significant about of these words?

Do Big

If you anticipate conversations that will require you to have courage, how can you better prepare to give an answer for the hope you have?

How can your small group help you develop your courage (encourage you) not just this week but for weeks to come?



LEADERS

Study Text:

Deuteronomy 31:1-29

Background:

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...”

Fear is a big **bully** unwilling to share the **heart** with faith.

Our fears release a swarm of **doubts** and can corrode your **confidence** in God’s goodness

So, what if **faith** and not **fear** was your default setting to heartbreak, challenges, sin, and trouble in your life?

A most often repeated command in the scriptures is “Do not be afraid”.

A most often repeated promise in the scriptures is “I will be with you.”

Memory Verse:

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” **Isaiah 41:10**

