

Brave Enough

A 14-Day Reading Plan on Courage and Faith

You do not have to be fearless to be brave.

14 Days · 8-12 min/day · All levels · NKJV

Brave is not the absence of fear. It is the decision that something matters more than fear. The women in this plan made that decision in wildly different circumstances — a river in Egypt, a city wall in Jericho, a throne room in Persia, an empty tomb at dawn — and in each case, the same truth held: the God who called them went with them.

Week One follows women who acted under pressure. Week Two follows women who spoke what they had seen. Each day includes a NKJV Scripture passage, a theological reflection, a written prayer, and a journal prompt. Day 14 ends with your own Brave Enough Declaration.

WEEK ONE · DAYS 1-7

The Courage to Act

Jochebed built an ark with her hands. Rahab hid strangers and hung a thread in her window. Deborah rose and led when no one else would. Esther dressed for the throne room and walked through the door. This week is about the moment of decision — when the door is in front of you and everything says to retreat.

DAY 1 · JOCHEBED · THE COURAGE OF A MOTHER

The Ark She Built

Exodus 2:1-4

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Exodus 2:1-4

"And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank."

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REFLECTION

Jochebed is never given a speaking part in Scripture. She acts. Under Pharaoh's edict that every Hebrew male infant be drowned in the Nile, she spent three months doing the most dangerous possible thing: keeping her child alive. And then, when hiding was no longer possible, she did something that looks like

surrender — but was in reality one of the most courageous acts in the entire Old Testament. She built a tiny ark, waterproofed it by hand, placed her son inside, and put him in the very river she had been told would kill him.

The Hebrew word for the basket she built — *tevah* — is the same word used for Noah's ark. Both arks were built to preserve life in a world that had decreed death. Both were given to waters that could have drowned their cargo. Both were providentially protected. Jochebed's bravery was not loud. It was the quiet, deliberate courage of a woman who trusted God with the one thing she could not afford to lose — and built something with her hands to give that trust a shape.

PRAYER

"Lord, make me brave in the quiet ways — the ones that require no audience. Help me to build what You have asked me to build, entrust to You what You have asked me to release, and trust that what I lay on the water, You will watch over. I cannot always see where the river leads. But You can. And that is enough. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Jochebed's courage was also surrender — she built the ark and gave it to the river. What have you been holding tightly out of fear that God may be asking you to release? What would it look like to do your part faithfully — and then let go?

DAY 2 · JOCHEBED · WHAT THE RIVER RETURNED

God Completes the Circle

Exodus 2:5–9

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Exodus 2:5–9

"Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river... and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him... Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women?" And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.""

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REFLECTION

The logic of this scene is almost absurd — God so sovereign that Pharaoh's own daughter draws Moses from the river, a Hebrew slave is paid to nurse her own son, and the household that decreed the death of Hebrew infants becomes the education and protection of the one who will lead them to freedom. Jochebed's bravery, which must have felt like madness on the day she let go, becomes the hinge of Israelite history.

There is no indication that Jochebed knew this is how it would unfold. She placed him there in faith, not in foreknowledge. What she received back — her son, in her arms, paid for the privilege — is a picture of the extravagant way God honors the courage of the surrendered. When you release into His hands what you love most, He does not merely protect it. He returns it transformed, expanded, carrying a purpose larger than you could have designed.

PRAYER

"Lord, what I have released to You, I trust You to return in Your time and in Your way. You are not careless with what is given to You — You are lavish with it. I trust the river to Your hands. You are the God who completes what He begins. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Has God ever returned to you something you released in faith — in a different or enlarged form than you expected? Write about it. And what are you currently releasing that you need to trust completely to His hands?

DAY 3 · RAHAB · THE COURAGE TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SIDE

Before the Walls Fell

Joshua 2:9–13

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Joshua 2:9–13

"I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us... the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you will also show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

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REFLECTION

Rahab is one of the most unexpected characters in all of Scripture. By ethnicity and geography, she is on the wrong side of the story. And yet she is the one — not a priest, not a king, not a warrior — who delivers the clearest theology in the book of Joshua: "The LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath." She confessed what others had been slow to articulate, from the other side of the wall.

Her courage was multilayered. She hid strangers at personal risk. She negotiated boldly for her whole family. And she made her defining move not in a moment of full knowledge but in a moment of partial knowledge and complete commitment. She had heard about the God of Israel — she had not met Him or studied Him. But what she heard was enough to act on. The bravest choices are often made with only enough light to take the next step.

PRAYER

"Lord, Rahab chose You before she had full understanding. She acted on what she had heard, not on what she had seen. Give me that courage — to move toward You with the knowledge I currently have, trusting that You honor the faith-step taken in partial light. Let me not wait for certainty before I act. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Rahab's bravery began with a conviction: "The LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath." What conviction about God are you currently living from? And is there a "right side" that conviction is calling you to — a step, a choice — that you have been hesitating to take?

DAY 4 · RAHAB · FAITHFULNESS REMEMBERED

Held by the Scarlet Thread

Joshua 6:22–23, 25

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Joshua 6:22–23, 25

"'But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, 'Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.' And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had... So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho."

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REFLECTION

The walls of Jericho fell. Every wall fell — except the section where Rahab's house stood, with a scarlet cord hanging from her window. The entire fortification of a city crumbles into rubble, and one small thread of color holds a family intact. The scarlet cord she had tied in faith — without knowing what the destruction would look like — did exactly what the messengers had promised.

The New Testament places Rahab in Hebrews 11, the great hall of faith, standing with Abraham and Moses; and in Matthew 1, as an ancestor of the Messiah. The woman the world labeled by her lowest chapter, God remembered by her highest moment — the woman who believed and acted when it cost her everything. Your defining chapter, in God's record, is the one where you chose well.

PRAYER

"Lord, You remember the scarlet thread. You remember every act of faith, every courageous step, every moment I chose You at a cost. What looks small in my window, You see. And when the walls fall, what You have marked safe will be safe. I trust the thread. I trust the One who told me to hang it. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Rahab's defining act was written into the genealogy of Jesus. What "scarlet thread" moment in your life — the time you chose courage or faith at genuine cost — do you believe God has seen and remembered? Write it as an act of faithful memory.

DAY 5 · DEBORAH · RISING WHEN NO ONE ELSE WILL

She Led Anyway

Judges 4:4–6, 8–9

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:4–6, 8–9

"Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time... And she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, "Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor"?' And Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!' So she said, 'I will surely go with you.'"

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REFLECTION

Deborah sat under a palm tree and judged a nation — she was the highest legal and military authority in Israel. She was a prophetess who spoke the word of God. And when the crisis came — when Sisera and his nine hundred iron chariots were terrorizing the northern tribes — she was the one who summoned the general and delivered the military command. Israel came to her because she was the one who was there, the one who led, the one whose judgment was worth traveling to hear.

When Barak said he would not go without her, Deborah did not refuse, demur, or redirect. She said "I will surely go with you." She had the word. She had the plan. When the person she deputized could not move without her, she moved. Deborah is the model of a leader who does not wait to be invited, does not make her contribution contingent on others' confidence in her. She led because the moment required it, because God had equipped her, and because no one else was going to.

PRAYER

"Lord, You do not only call the confident — You call the faithful. Where You have placed and equipped me, let me lead. Not waiting for permission that is already given. Not waiting for others to go first. If I am the one You have stationed here — if no one else is going — then I will go. I will surely go. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Is there a situation in your life where leadership is needed and you have been waiting for someone else to step up? What would it look like to be Deborah today — not because you have all the answers, but because you have the word and you are willing to go?

DAY 6 · DEBORAH · WORSHIP THAT DECLARES

The Song of Victory

Judges 5:1–3, 7

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Judges 5:1–3, 7

""Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying: 'When leaders lead in Israel, when the people willingly offer themselves, bless the LORD! Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes! I, even I, will sing to the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel... Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother in Israel.'""

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REFLECTION

Judges 5 is one of the oldest pieces of poetry in the Hebrew Bible. Deborah sings — not as a postscript, not as a humble footnote — as an equal composer and co-vocalist with the general whose army won the battle. The song begins with something Israel needed to hear: "When leaders lead in Israel, when the people willingly offer themselves, bless the LORD." She attributes the victory immediately to God, even as she names her role in it. No false modesty. No erasure of her courage. Just the right order: God's glory first.

The line "until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother in Israel" is striking. She does not call herself a commander or a judge here — she calls herself a mother. The word implies fierce bonded love for those in her care. There is a kind of leadership that is mothering: present, sacrificial, driven by love rather than position. Deborah's victory song is a declaration of who God is, who she is, and what it looks like when the willing-hearted align with the purposes of God.

PRAYER

"Lord, let me be a person who leads and then worships — who accomplishes what You have put in front of me and returns the glory to You immediately. Let my victories be songs about You, not monuments to me. Give me the fierce, bonded love of a leader who is a mother to those she serves. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Write your own "Song of Deborah" — a declaration of something God has done through your courage and willingness. Name the battle. Name His victory. Name your part honestly. Then give Him the glory.

DAY 7 · ESTHER · WHEN YOU WERE MADE FOR THE MOMENT

For Such a Time as This

Esther 4:13–16

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Esther 4:13–16

"And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: 'Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews... Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: '...and so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.'"

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REFLECTION

Esther had been queen for five years, her Jewish identity carefully concealed. When the edict of annihilation arrived, she had every structural reason to stay silent: approaching the king uninvited carried the penalty of death. Then Mordecai sent words that cut through every calculation: "who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" He did not promise success. He pointed her to her position.

Her response is one of the most courage-filled sentences in the Bible: "If I perish, I perish." This is not recklessness — she fasted three days before she went. She prepared, she prayed, she gathered herself before she moved. But the final verdict she gave herself was: the people I love matter more than my safety. That is the definition of brave. Not the absence of fear. Not certainty of outcome. Simply the decision that someone matters more.

PRAYER

"Lord, I have been placed here — in this family, this city, this moment — for purposes I am still discovering. Give me the courage of Esther: the willingness to risk my comfort for the people You have put in my care. I do not need certainty of outcome. I only need to know that You have placed me here. That is enough. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Where do you sense you have been positioned "for such a time as this" — in a role or relationship where you have access others don't? What would Esther's decision — "if I perish, I perish" — look like in your specific situation?

WEEK TWO · DAYS 8–14

The Courage to Speak

Esther named the enemy in the king's banquet hall. Mary Magdalene announced the resurrection to disciples who wouldn't believe her. Priscilla corrected one of the most eloquent men in the early church — quietly, precisely, without fanfare. This week is about the moment when what you know must be spoken.

DAY 8 · ESTHER · ONE STEP INTO THE IMPOSSIBLE

She Went Anyway

Esther 5:1–3

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Esther 5:1–3

""Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house... So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand... And the king said to her, 'What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you — up to half the kingdom!""

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REFLECTION

Esther had said it: if I perish, I perish. Now she had to walk through the door. She put on her royal robes — prepared herself with dignity and intention — and she stood in the court. The text is spare and almost unbearably tense. She stands. The king sees her. He holds out the scepter. In that moment between her standing and his response, the entire fate of the Jewish people hangs. And Esther had already decided, before she took the first step, that she would take it regardless.

The "royal robes" are worth pausing on. Esther did not approach the king in disarray or desperation. She dressed for the moment — not to perform, but to honor the weight of what she was doing. There is a lesson here in how we show up to the hard things God calls us to: not casually, not as though it doesn't matter. Esther prepared. She fasted, she prayed, she dressed, and then she walked. Courage always has a threshold. The work is not just the willingness — it is the willingness executed, one deliberate step at a time.

PRAYER

"Lord, I have said yes. Now help me to walk through the door. Give me the dignity of Esther — to show up prepared, intentional, and trusting Your grace to meet me in the room I am afraid to enter. You have gone before me. The scepter is extended. Help me to take the step. Amen."

Journal prompt:

What is the "inner court" you have been afraid to enter — the conversation, the decision that has felt impossible? What would it mean to prepare your spirit — to get dressed — and then simply walk in, trusting God's favor to meet you there?

DAY 9 · ESTHER · THE ASK THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

Speaking Truth to Power

Esther 7:3–6

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Esther 7:3–6

""Then Queen Esther answered and said, 'If I have found favor in your sight, O king... let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated.' So King Ahasuerus answered and said, 'Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?' And Esther said, 'The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!' So Haman was terrified before the king and queen.'"

New King James Version (NKJV)

REFLECTION

Esther's speech at the banquet is a masterwork of precision and courage. She begins with her own life: "let my life be given me." She makes it personal before she makes it political. She identifies herself with her people — "my people and I" — refusing to separate her safety from theirs. Then she names the enemy. Three sentences, and the room changes entirely. She had been hidden her whole life — her identity carefully concealed. Now she speaks it into the most dangerous room available to her.

There is a moment in every act of courage when the hidden thing must finally be named. The silence that kept you safe becomes the silence that allows destruction. Esther's brave moment was not only the walk to the throne room — it was the words she spoke once she was there. Acting and speaking are both

required. Getting into the room is only half of it. What you say when you arrive is the other half.

PRAYER

"Lord, there is something I have been keeping hidden — a truth that needs to be spoken, a wrong that needs to be confronted. Give me the timing, the preparation, and the words of Esther. And when the moment comes — in the right room, at the right time — let me speak it clearly and without flinching. Amen."

Journal prompt:

What is the hidden truth your situation is asking you to name? What is the "Haman" in your story — the force working against what you love — that needs to be spoken aloud? What is stopping you from naming it?

DAY 10 · MARY MAGDALENE · THE COURAGE THAT STAYS

The Last to Leave

John 19:25 · Mark 15:47

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

John 19:25 · Mark 15:47

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene." // "And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid."

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REFLECTION

The male disciples, with the exception of John, had scattered when Jesus was arrested. Mary Magdalene did not. She stood at the cross. She watched the burial. She noted — carefully, deliberately — where He was laid. The courage she demonstrated was not the courage of battle; it was the courage of presence. She stayed in a moment that every instinct of self-preservation said to flee. She did not have a plan. She had love. And love stayed.

Luke 8:2 tells us Jesus had cast seven demons from Mary Magdalene. Her history was one of profound darkness and captivity. What He had done for her — the deliverance, the restoration, the dignity He gave back — was the reason she was still there when the others were not. We stay for what we love. We stay for what has changed us. Mary Magdalene's presence at the cross was the most faithful, costly kind of brave: remaining present with suffering when there is nothing you can do to fix it, because love will not let you leave.

PRAYER

"Lord, give me the courage to stay. Not just in the victory moments — but at the cross. At the moment of loss and confusion and what looks like the end. Let love hold me in place when fear tells me to flee. I want to be the kind of person who is still there when it matters most. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Who or what has required you to show up in the dark — when nothing was resolved, when your presence was all you had to offer? Write about that. And: whose "cross moment" are you being called to stay beside right now?

DAY 11 · MARY MAGDALENE · WEEPING INTO WORSHIP

The First to See

John 20:14–16

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

John 20:14–16

"Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, 'Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to Him, 'Rabboni!' (which is to say, Teacher)."

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REFLECTION

She came to the tomb before dawn, in the dark, to anoint a body. She was not expecting resurrection. When the tomb was empty, she did not assume miracle — she assumed theft. Her grief had no room for any other category. She was looking for a dead Jesus when a living one was already standing in front of her.

She did not recognize Him until He said her name. "Mary." One word, spoken the way only one voice ever spoke it — and everything changed. This is the pattern of resurrection recognition: intimate, personal, a single utterance. Jesus did not announce Himself with a title or a sign. He called her by name. The woman who had come to anoint the dead became, in that moment, the first witness to the risen Christ. The weeping became worship. Grief became the first message of the gospel.

PRAYER

"Lord, I have stood in front of an empty tomb and assumed only loss. Speak my name. Call me out of my grief and into the recognition that You are not where I left You — You are already standing, already speaking, already alive in the middle of what I thought was finished. Let my weeping become worship. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Have you ever been looking for Jesus in the wrong place — expecting Him in the form He last appeared to you, while He was already somewhere else, doing something new? Write about that. And: has He ever called your name in a moment of grief? What did that sound like?

DAY 12 · MARY MAGDALENE · THE COURAGE TO TESTIFY

"I Have Seen the Lord"

John 20:17–18

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

John 20:17–18

"Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord' — and that He had spoken these things to her."

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REFLECTION

Jesus did not choose Peter, James, or John to be the first witness and messenger of the resurrection. He chose Mary Magdalene — a woman whose testimony would not be accepted in a first-century Jewish court, whose gender placed her at the margins of the religious establishment. The most important news in the history of the world was entrusted to the person the world would have disqualified. This is how God consistently operates: He gives the mission to the one who loves most, not the one who is most credentialed.

Her message was five words: "I have seen the Lord." Not a theological treatise. Not a formal report. The witness of a person who encountered the living God and could not be silent. The Greek word for "seen" — *heoraka* — is a perfect tense, meaning she had seen and the seeing continued. She carried it into the room where grieving disciples sat, and the world was never the same. Your encounter with the risen Jesus

is not primarily an argument to be made. It is a testimony to be given.

PRAYER

"Lord, You have entrusted the message of Your life to those the world underestimates — including me. Let me not be silent about what I have seen. Not perfectly, not comprehensively — just truly. "I have seen the Lord." Let me say it to whoever needs to hear it today. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Write your version of "I have seen the Lord" — not what you have been taught about Jesus, but what you have personally witnessed Him do. Write it simply and specifically. That is your testimony. That is the message He has entrusted to you.

DAY 13 · PRISCILLA · THE COURAGE TO TEACH

More Accurately

Acts 18:24–26 · Romans 16:3–5

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Acts 18:24–26 · Romans 16:3–5

"Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus... When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately." // "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles."

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REFLECTION

Apollos was eloquent, learned, and mighty in the Scriptures. Priscilla heard a gap in his theology — he knew only the baptism of John. Rather than whispering about it or deferring to someone more credentialed, she and Aquila took him aside and explained the way of God more accurately. Quietly. Privately. Without announcement. Without waiting for permission to do what she knew needed to be done. She is named before her husband here — which likely signals she took the lead.

Paul calls Priscilla and Aquila his "fellow workers in Christ Jesus" — the same term he uses for his closest ministry partners. He says they "risked their own necks" for his life — pointing to real physical danger. This is not a decorative mention. Priscilla was a serious theological voice, a risk-taker, a teacher of eloquent

men, a woman whose influence extended to all the churches of the Gentiles. The courage she exercised was persistent, quiet, and enormously effective. Some of the bravest things done for the kingdom are done by people no one is applauding.

PRAYER

"Lord, give me the courage of Priscilla — to teach what I know when it is needed, to correct what is incomplete when I see the gap, and to serve faithfully without requiring recognition. Let me be a fellow worker in Your purposes, whatever that costs and wherever it places me. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Priscilla's courage was in the explaining — truth shared privately, precisely, without fanfare. What truth do you know that someone in your life needs to hear? What is holding you back — fear of presumption, of being wrong, of not being qualified? What would Priscilla do?

DAY 14 · THIS IS WHO YOU ARE

The Brave Enough Declaration

Isaiah 41:10 · Joshua 1:9 · 2 Timothy 1:7

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 41:10 · Joshua 1:9 · 2 Timothy 1:7

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." // "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." // "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

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REFLECTION

Fourteen days. Six women. One recurring truth: brave is not the absence of fear. Jochebed trembled when she laid the basket in the river. Rahab's heart raced when she hid the spies. Deborah felt the weight of a general who wouldn't move without her. Esther fasted three days before she could take the walk. Mary Magdalene stood alone at an empty tomb in the dark. Priscilla quietly corrected a man more famous than herself, without announcement. Every act of courage in this plan was exercised by someone who was afraid — and chose, in that moment, to act anyway.

The commands in today's passages are not suggestions: "Fear not." "Be strong and of good courage." These are imperatives from a God who knows His people are afraid and instructs them anyway. Not because the fear isn't real, but because He is more real. "God has not given us a spirit of fear — but of power and of love and of a sound mind." This is your inheritance. Not fearlessness — God never promised that. Power, love, and a sound mind: the equipment for every act of courage He calls you to. You are brave enough. And you are not alone.

PRAYER

"Lord, I am brave enough — not because I have conquered my fears, but because You are with me. You strengthen. You help. You uphold. I do not need to manufacture courage. I only need to show up and trust that You will be there. Wherever You send me, You go with me. I choose, today, to be brave enough. Amen."

Journal prompt:

Look back over these 14 days. Which woman's story resonated most with where you currently are? Write her name and why. Then write your Brave Enough declaration: one specific act of courage God is calling you to — named, dated, and committed to. You are brave enough. And you are not alone.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 1:7 · New King James Version (NKJV)

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