

Wisdom from Joshua - Unpacked

Measured Courage

Stanza 1

*I stood where fear and promise met as one,
A land before me still not fully won.
The voice of God spoke clear into my soul,
“Be strong, move forward—I will make you whole.”*

Scripture Insight

Joshua stands at the threshold of promise and uncertainty. The land is given—but not yet possessed. This tension defines leadership.

God’s command is not based on Joshua’s strength, but on His presence:

“Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
— The Book of Joshua 1:9

Leadership Connection

Measured courage begins where clarity from God meets uncertainty in circumstance. Leaders are often called to move before outcomes are visible.

Stanza 2

*I knew the weight of those who walked behind,
A restless, doubting, yet a chosen kind.
Not mine the strength to lead them on my own,
But His the power—I was not alone.*

Scripture Insight

Joshua inherits a people shaped by doubt and wandering. Leadership is not only external—it is relational and weight-bearing.

“Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people...”
— The Book of Joshua 1:2

Joshua’s confidence must shift from self to God.

Leadership Connection

Measured courage acknowledges limitation. It leads not from self-reliance—but from dependence on God’s strength.

Stanza 3

*The river swelled, its waters deep and wide,
No path revealed, no place for me to hide.
Yet when the priests stepped in at His command,
The waters parted at the touch of land.*

Scripture Insight

The Jordan River stands as an impossible barrier—especially at flood stage.

“Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest.”
— The Book of Joshua 3:15

Yet the miracle follows obedience:

“The waters... stood and rose up in a heap... and the people passed over.”
— Joshua 3:16

Leadership Connection

Measured courage does not wait for conditions to change.
It steps forward in obedience—and trusts God to make the way.

Stanza 4

*I learned that courage does not rush ahead,
Nor shrink in fear of what may lie instead.
It walks the path that God has made known,
And trusts His voice above all other tone.*

Scripture Insight

God connects courage directly to obedience:

“Be careful to obey all the law... Do not turn from it to the right or to the left.”
— The Book of Joshua 1:7

Courage is not independent—it is guided.

Leadership Connection

Measured courage is restrained and directed.
It neither reacts impulsively nor withdraws in fear—it follows God’s revealed path.

Stanza 5

*So take this word from one who walked that way,
When doubt is loud and faith feels far away:*

*Do not delay when God has made it clear,
For He goes with you—there is no need to fear.*

Scripture Insight

Joshua's charge becomes a transferable principle for all who follow God.

"Do not fear them, for it is the Lord your God who fights for you."
— The Book of Deuteronomy 3:22

And reaffirmed again:

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
— Joshua 1:9

Leadership Connection

Measured courage responds promptly when God has made direction clear.
Delay often reveals fear—obedience reveals trust.

Stanza 6

*Be strong, be firm, let not your heart retreat,
Stand on His Word with every step you meet.
For those who walk in what the Lord has said,
Will find His hand still guiding them ahead.*

Scripture Insight

Strength is sustained through continued alignment with God's Word:

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth... for then you will make your way prosperous."
— The Book of Joshua 1:8

Victory is not random—it is formed through obedience.

Leadership Connection

Measured courage is not a moment—it is a pattern.
Leaders who consistently walk in God's truth will consistently experience His guidance.

Closing Thought for Your Blog

Measured courage is not found in bold personality or dramatic action.
It is formed in the quiet, steady decision to:

Hear God clearly → Trust Him fully → Move forward faithfully.