

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**PART 4: Facing Reality**

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## START

Courage presents itself in different situations. There are experiences that we have faced where we have exhibited courage and experiences where we have not exhibited courage.

- Share about a time when you had courage?
- Share about a time when you did not have courage?
- Why do you think courage manifests differently in different situations?

## READ

[Joshua 7:13](#) (NIV)

“Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow; for this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There are devoted things among you, Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove them.’”

## THINK

When the Israelites faced opposition and defeat from Ai they were discouraged. They started to question God and wonder why they even left Egypt in the first place. When we face opposition our default is to want to go back to what was comfortable and known instead of forging ahead into the new promises that God has for us.

- When have you wanted to default back to what was comfortable?
- How have your own actions prevented you from moving forward?

Courage is important and so is character. Our integrity is important. When what needs courage is accomplished, what then? There are things that we achieve through courage, but we forget to bring God into our accomplishments. And there are things in our life that we continue to hold onto instead of giving it to God that prevents us from moving forward and experiencing His blessings.

- How has holding onto something prevented you from growing in your relationship with Jesus?
- Is there anything in your life that you have been holding onto for yourself that you need to give over to God?
- How has your obedience to God resulted in experiencing His blessings?

## PRAY

“God, give me the courage to hand over everything to you. Not just the easy things, but the difficult things that I hold onto so tightly. Help me to remember that it is in my obedience that I experience the blessings that you have planned for me.”

## ACT

This week, what do you need to hand over to God? What are the things or people that you hold onto tightly and not let God have His way. Take a step into turning those things or people over to God this week.

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**ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.**