



Summer

BIBLE STUDY



HOME JOURNAL

 VICTORY
CHURCH

BE TRANSFORMED

- COURAGE -



Welcome From Pastors Kevin & Wanda Ross

Dear Victory Church Family,

Summer is often a season filled with vacations, family gatherings, celebrations, and changes to our normal routines. While we are taking a break from our regular Wednesday Bible Study schedule during July, we never take a break from growing in Christ.

This year's theme is "Be Transformed" from Romans 12:2. Throughout the year, we have been learning that transformation is not simply changing what we do; it is becoming who God created us to be.

During July, we invite you to continue that journey with this special Courage Journal. Our Learn 2 Scriptures this month are Joshua 1:9 and Acts 4:31. Both passages teach us that courage is not the absence of fear. Rather, courage is the willingness to trust, obey, and represent God even when circumstances are uncertain.

- Joshua teaches us courage in the face of challenges.
- The disciples in Acts teach us courage in the face of opposition.
- Romans teaches us that courage begins with a transformed mind.

As you work through these lessons, whether alone, as a family, with friends, or with your Connect 2 partner, our prayer is that God will strengthen your faith, deepen your relationships, and empower you to be a bold witness for Jesus Christ.

We encourage you to continue participating in our 2-2 Initiatives:

WIN 2

Pray for and reach out to two people.

LEARN 2

Memorize Joshua 1:9 and Acts 4:31.

CONNECT 2

Build meaningful relationships with two people.

BUILD 2

Pray and seek God concerning your role in helping us build a permanent home for Victory Church.

Remember:

- God has not called us to live in fear.
- God has called us to live transformed.

May this journal encourage, challenge, and strengthen you as we continue to become all God has called us to be. We love you and are praying for you.

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin Ross
Pastor Wanda Ross

How To Use This Journal

This journal is designed to help individuals, families, friends, and Connect 2 partners continue growing spiritually throughout July.

Individual Study

Set aside time each week to read the lesson, answer the questions, complete the journal reflections, and spend time in prayer.

Family Study

Gather your family and read the Scriptures together. Discuss the questions and allow everyone to participate at their own level.

Connect 2 Study

Meet in person, talk by phone, video call, or text with your Connect 2 partner each week. Share what God is teaching you and pray for one another.

Small Group Study

Invite friends, family members, or ministry partners to complete the study together.

Weekly Rhythm

Step 1 - Read the weekly Scriptures.

Step 2 -Read the lesson.

Step 3 -Discuss the questions.

Step 4 -Complete the reflection section.

Step 5 -Pray together.

Step 6 -Complete the weekly challenge.

Our Goal

This journal is not simply about gaining information. It is about experiencing transformation. As our minds are renewed through God's Word, our faith grows stronger, our courage increases, and our witness becomes bolder.

Monthly Challenge

- Learn 2 Scriptures
- Connect with 2 People
- Pray for 2 People
- Continue Building God's Kingdom

Together, we are becoming transformed disciples who love God, love people, and win souls.

Learn 2 Scripture Memory Section

Monthly Theme -Courageous Faith

Throughout July we will focus on two powerful Scriptures that teach us how a transformed believer lives courageously and witnesses boldly.

Joshua 1:9 (NKJV) - "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."

What This Scripture Teaches

God's courage is rooted in God's presence. Joshua was not told to be courageous because he was strong. He was told to be courageous because God would be with him.

Acts 4:31 (NKJV) - "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

What This Scripture Teaches

Prayer produces boldness. The disciples faced opposition, yet they did not pray for an easier assignment. They prayed for greater boldness.

MONTHLY DECLARATION

Because my mind is being renewed, I will not live in fear.

Because God is with me, I will walk in courage.

Because I am filled with His Spirit, I will boldly represent Christ.

I am being transformed.

Romans 12:2 — The Foundation of Courage

Foundation Scripture

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) - "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

What Does It Mean To Be Transformed?

- Transformation is more than behavior modification.
- Transformation is becoming who God created us to be.

Many people focus on changing habits, but God begins by changing hearts and minds. The Apostle Paul teaches that transformation begins when we stop letting the world shape our thinking and instead let God's Word renew our minds.

A transformed life begins with transformed thinking. The world says:

- Trust yourself.
- Follow your feelings.
- Protect yourself at all costs.
- Do what is easiest.

God says:

- Trust Me.
- Walk by faith.
- Love others.
- Obey My Word.

Every day we must choose which voice will shape our thinking.

REFLECTION

What messages from the world do you hear most often?

What truth from God's Word do you need to embrace instead?

How Courage Grows Through Transformation

Fear and Faith Begin in the Mind

- Before Joshua could lead Israel, God addressed his thinking.
- Before the disciples could witness boldly, God transformed their perspective.
- Likewise, before we can live courageously, our minds must be renewed.

Fear says: "What if I fail?"

Faith says: "What if God is with me?"

Fear focuses on obstacles. Faith focuses on God's promises.

Fear magnifies problems. Faith magnifies God.

A transformed mind learns to trust God's promises more than circumstances.

How Romans, Joshua, and Acts Connect

- Romans 12:2 teaches us to renew our minds.
- Joshua 1:9 teaches us to trust God's presence.
- Acts 4:31 teaches us to speak God's Word boldly.

Together, they reveal the pathway of discipleship:

Renewed Mind



Courageous Faith



Bold Witness

This is the process of transformation.

PRAYER

Father, renew my mind. Help me trust Your promises more than my fears. Teach me to think, live, and respond as a transformed disciple. Amen.

WEEK 1 – COURAGE BEGINS IN THE MIND

Main Scriptures: Romans 12:2 & Joshua 1:9

LESSON INTRODUCTION

When Moses died, Joshua suddenly found himself carrying a responsibility he had never carried before.

- The future was uncertain.
- The assignment was large.
- The challenges were real.

Yet God's message to Joshua was simple: "Be strong and of good courage."

- God did not begin by explaining every detail of the journey.
- God began by reminding Joshua of His presence.

Many times, we want God to remove uncertainty before we move forward. Instead, God often calls us to trust Him in the middle of uncertainty.

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is trusting God enough to move forward despite fear.

GOD'S PRESENCE PRODUCES COURAGE

Joshua's courage was not rooted in his experience.

- It was not rooted in his talent.
- It was not rooted in his confidence.

It was rooted in God's promise: "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

The same truth applies to us today.

- The courage to face challenges comes from knowing that God is with us.
- The courage to obey comes from knowing that God is with us.
- The courage to witness comes from knowing that God is with us.

Romans 12:2 reminds us that transformed thinking changes how we respond to challenges.

Instead of asking: "Can I handle this?"

A transformed believer asks: "Can God handle this?"

The answer is always yes.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Children:

What makes you feel afraid or nervous?

Youth:

What situations require courage at school or with friends?

Adults:

What challenge currently requires faith and courage?

CONNECT 2 CHALLENGE

- Contact your Connect 2 partner this week.
- Share one area where you need courage.
- Pray together and encourage one another.

WEEKLY DECLARATION

Because God is with me, I will not allow fear to control me.

Because my mind is being renewed, I will trust God's promises.

Because God is faithful, I will walk in courage.

WEEK 2 – COURAGE GROWS THROUGH OBEDIENCE

Main Scriptures: Romans 12:2, Joshua 1:9 & James 1:22

LESSON INTRODUCTION

Many people think courage is a feeling. The Bible teaches that courage is a decision. Joshua did not become courageous simply because he felt brave. He became courageous by obeying God.

James writes: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

- God's Word was never intended to stop at information.
- God's Word is intended to produce transformation.

Transformation becomes visible when we obey what God says.

- Every act of obedience strengthens our faith.
- Every act of obedience reminds us that God is trustworthy.
- Every act of obedience develops courage.

REFLECTION

What has God already shown you that you need to obey?

OBEDIENCE STRENGTHENS COURAGE

- Joshua could have remained on the edge of the Jordan River. Instead, he obeyed.
- The priests carrying the Ark could have refused to step into the water. Instead, they obeyed.
- The walls of Jericho could not fall until Israel obeyed God's instructions.

Again and again, God demonstrated that courage grows through obedience.

Many times, we ask God for additional direction when He is waiting for us to obey the direction He has already given.

- Obedience often comes before understanding.
- Obedience often comes before results.
- Obedience often comes before comfort.

But obedience always leads to growth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Children:

What is something your parents ask you to do that helps you grow?

Youth:

Why can obedience sometimes be difficult?

Adults:

What step of faith has God been asking you to take?

KEY PRINCIPLE

A transformed mind trusts God's instructions even when the outcome is unknown.

FAITH IN ACTION

James teaches that hearing God's Word is not enough. We must live it. The strongest faith is not the faith we talk about. The strongest faith is the faith we practice.

When believers obey God's Word:

- Relationships grow stronger.
- Faith becomes deeper.
- Character becomes stronger.
- Witness becomes more effective.

Transformation is not measured by how much Scripture we know.

Transformation is measured by how much Scripture we live.

REFLECTION

What is one act of obedience you will commit to this week?

What might God do through that obedience?

WEEK 2 CHALLENGE

CONNECT 2 CHALLENGE

- Contact your Connect 2 partner.
- Share one area where God is calling you to obey Him.
- Ask your partner to pray for you and encourage you throughout the week.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Complete this sentence together:

"This week I will courageously obey God by..."

Allow each family member to share.

Pray together for the courage to follow through.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Father, thank You for Your Word.

Help me move beyond hearing and into obedience.

Give me the courage to trust You when I cannot see the outcome.

Strengthen my faith as I follow Your leading.

Transform my thoughts, my actions, and my character so that my life reflects Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WEEKLY DECLARATION

Because my mind is being renewed, I will obey God's Word.

Because God is faithful, I will trust His instructions.

Because I obey, my faith will grow stronger.

As my faith grows stronger, my courage will increase.

WEEK 3 – COURAGE LEADS TO BOLD WITNESS

Main Scriptures: Romans 12:2 & Acts 4:31

LESSON INTRODUCTION

The disciples faced opposition, criticism, and threats because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Yet they did not ask God to remove every obstacle. Instead, they asked God for boldness.

Acts 4:31 tells us that after they prayed, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.

A transformed believer becomes a courageous witness.

- Boldness is not about personality.
- Boldness is about faithfulness.

God desires transformed disciples who are willing to represent Him wherever they go.

BOLDNESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Many people think witnessing only happens from a pulpit. Most witnessing happens in everyday life. Boldness may look like:

- Praying for someone.
- Inviting someone to church.
- Sharing your testimony.
- Encouraging someone who is discouraged.
- Showing kindness to someone who is hurting.
- Speaking truth with love.

When people see Christ in us, they become more open to hearing about Christ.

KEY PRINCIPLE

A transformed mind produces a courageous life, and a courageous life produces a bold witness.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Children:

How can you show God's love to a friend?

Youth:

How can you represent Christ at school, work, or online?

Adults:

Who might God be calling you to encourage this week?

WIN 2 CHALLENGE

Pray for two people throughout July.

Person #1 _____

Person #2 _____

Pray that God will open doors for encouragement, conversation, and ministry.

REFLECTION

How has God changed your life this year?

Who needs to hear your story?

WEEKLY PRAYER

Lord, fill me with Your Spirit.

Help me represent You well.

Give me courage to share Your love, Your truth, and my testimony.

Use my life to point people to Jesus.

Amen.

COURAGE COVENANT

Because God is transforming me:

- I will renew my mind.
- I will trust God's presence.
- I will obey God's Word.

- I will walk in courage.
- I will boldly represent Christ.
- I will continue growing spiritually throughout July.

CONNECT 2 TRACKER

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

I connected with someone through prayer, encouragement, conversation, or fellowship.

BUILD 2 PRAYER COMMITMENT

How will I pray about helping build Victory Church's future home?

JULY DECLARATION

My mind is being renewed.

My faith is growing stronger.

My courage is increasing.

My witness is becoming bolder.

I am being transformed.

I am becoming more like Christ.

I will Learn 2.

I will Connect 2.

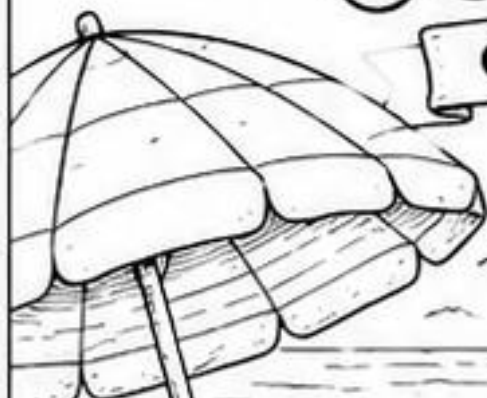
I will Win 2.

I will help Build 2.

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CHALLENGE



I prayed
today



I read my
Bible today



I encouraged
someone
today

COURAGE ♥ FAITH † PRAYER

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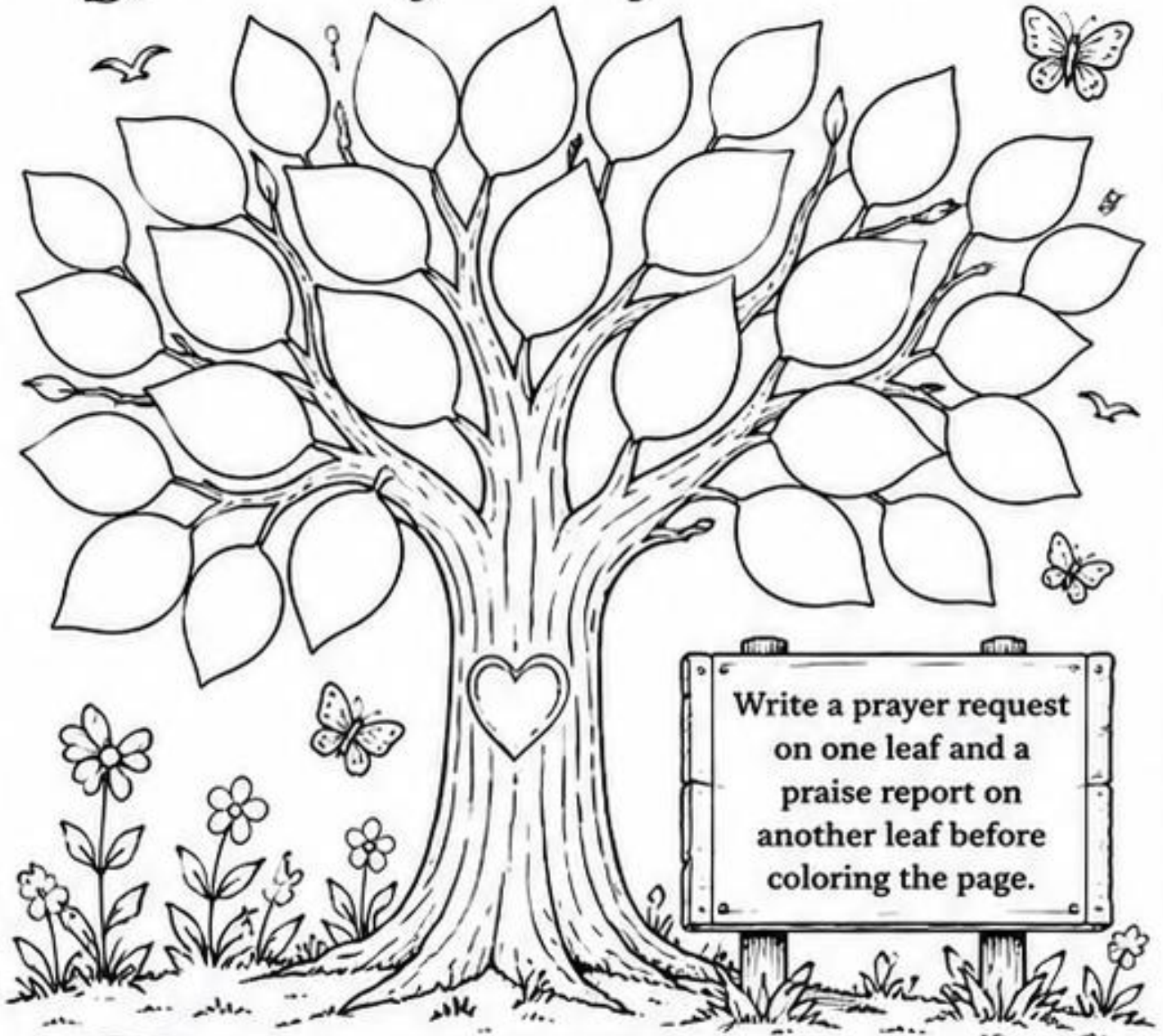
ROMANS 12:2



Be transformed by the
renewing of your mind.

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Victory Church
Family Prayer Tree



Write a prayer request
on one leaf and a
praise report on
another leaf before
coloring the page.

"Call to Me, and I will answer you..." —

— Jeremiah 33:3

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BE TRANSFORMED – COURAGE WORD SEARCH

U	E	C	P	Z	I	K	T	W	M	U	C	I	K	V	R	M	K	U	G
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Find these 30 words:

HOPE, ANCHOR, IDENTITY, TRANSFORMED, SALVATION, CONFESSION, TRUST, SURRENDER, PRAYER, PEACE, COURAGE, BOLDNESS, FAITH, OBEDIENCE, DISCIPLE, WORSHIP, SCRIPTURE, PROMISE, GRACE, VICTORY, JESUS, GOSPEL, KINGDOM, SERVICE, UNITY, STRENGTH, RENEWAL, CHARACTER, HOLINESS, MORE

Reflection: Which three words best describe what God is doing in your life right now?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Word Scramble & Fill in the Blanks

Theme: Be Transformed – Courage

Learn 2 Scriptures: Joshua 1:9, Acts 4:31, Romans 12:2

Part 1: Word Scramble

1. RUCOEGA _____
2. YREAPR _____
3. SDBOLNES _____
4. RUTST _____
5. AFITH _____
6. DRENEW _____
7. YTIDENTI _____
8. NOITAVLAS _____
9. ECAPE _____
10. EPOH _____
11. EIVCTORY _____
12. HSIPROW _____
13. EUSSJ _____
14. EGRCA _____
15. YTINU _____

Part 2: Fill in the Blanks

1. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good _____."
2. "Do not be _____, nor be dismayed."
3. "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you _____."
4. "When they had _____, the place where they were assembled together was shaken."
5. "They were all filled with the Holy _____."

6. "They spoke the word of God with _____."
7. "Do not be conformed to this _____."
8. "But be transformed by the renewing of your _____."
9. "That you may prove what is that good and acceptable and _____ will of God."

Part 3: Courage Reflection

One area where I need more courage is:

One prayer I will pray this week is:

One way I will live out Romans 12:2 this week is:

Answer Key

1. Courage
2. Prayer
3. Boldness
4. Trust
5. Faith
6. Renewed
7. Identity
8. Salvation
9. Peace
10. Hope
11. Victory
12. Worship
13. Jesus
14. Grace
15. Unity

Fill in the Blanks: Courage, Afraid, Go, Prayed, Spirit, Boldness, World, Mind, Perfect