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Strength & Courage: Into The Promise Land

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Joshua 1:1-9

□ The Promised MAN

- “After the death of Moses the Lord’s servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant. He said.” – Joshua 1:1
- Leaders must **COMMUNICATE** with God
- We need to have an ear for what the LORD is saying
- “Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead **these people...**” – Joshua 1:2a
- We must **WAIT** for God’s **TIMING**
- “Be anxious for nothing...” – Philippians 4:6
- “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **longsuffering**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness” – Galatians 5:22
- “Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.” – Hebrews 10:36 (New Living Translation)
- “...**the Israelites...**” – Joshua 1:2b
- God chooses the right man for the right job
- You were chosen for such a time as this! (Esther 4:14)
- Joshua was a chosen **LEADER** for a chosen **PEOPLE** at a chosen **TIME**
- “...across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.” – Joshua 1:2c
- There will always be another “**RIVER**” to cross
- You can’t receive the promise without being willing to cross over into new territory
- “I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you.’” – Joshua 1:3
- Generational **BLESSINGS** vs. Generational **STRONGHOLDS**
- **What are you preparing to pass on?**

□ The Promised HAND

- “No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.” – Joshua 1:5
- God promises to give us a “**HELPING HAND**”
- “Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.” – Joshua 1:6
- God is our **INSURANCE** and God is our **ASSURANCE**
- “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know** that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.” – I John 5:13

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- “What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?” – Romans 8:31
- **The Promised STAND**
 - “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you..” – Joshua 1:7a
 - We must stand on the promises of God; we must stand on His **WORD**
 - To do so, we need to be **STRONG** and **COURAGEOUS**
 - Strength = **DISCIPLINE**; Courage = **FAITH**
 - **HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE COURAGE?**
 - Courage is not the **ABSENCE** of fear, but the willingness to do what needs to be done in the **PRESENCE** of fear
 - **Observe** – to keep, watch over, guard
 - “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life.” – Proverbs 4:23
 - “...do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:7b
 - We must stay on course to reach our destination
 - God wants you to **SUCCEED** in everything He’s giving you to do
 - We must stand on the Word of God (**Psalm 119:11a, Psalm 119:105**)
 - “The Lord *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord *is* the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?” – Psalm 27:1
 - The **KEY** to success is in **KEEPING** His word
 - “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” – Joshua 1:8
 - “This Book” is trustworthy, inspired by God and the key to success!

“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.” – Joshua 1:9

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