

Courageous

Session # 1

Joshua 1. 1-9

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ **Be strong and courageous**, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ **Be strong and very courageous**. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous**. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Deuteronomy 31.23

"The Lord gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you."

- What did Moses tell Joshua
- What was happening in Moses' life?
- How can we apply this to our lives today?

Joshua Called to Service

- Exodus 17
- Lead battle against Amalekites
- Numbers 13-14 –
- Spy the land of Canaan

- How many times did God say – "Be strong and courageous"
- Why would Joshua had cause to be afraid?
- What was God's promise to Joshua? *Vss 3, 7, 9*
- What was required of Joshua? *Vss 6-9*
- What was the key to success? *Vs 8*

Joshua 1. 16-18

"¹⁶ Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷ Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses. ¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!"

Joshua

- Name means
- The Lord is Salvation

If you knew that God commanded you to do something – that He would bless you if you did it – and would be with you to ensure that you succeeded

Would you be more courageous?

Joshua 1. 16-18

- How was Joshua's call confirmed?
- What did the people have to commit to?
- How did Joshua's call impact the people?

Compare

• Joshua 1. 7-8

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God's call to leadership for Joshua was also a call for him to commit to read and dwell on the Word. We will be considering our own personal call and commitment to the Lord.

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENT TO CHRIST DO THOSE AROUND YOU SEE?

What sacrifices are you making to help those around you to obey the Word and the Lord?

What is the Lord saying to us in and thru this section?

Rate Yourself

10 = total commitment & 1 = far from the Lord

- Courage to follow God's Word

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- Obedience to God's Word

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

As men and women of faith, the commitment of the people that God entrusts to us will only be as strong as our own!

Why is NOW the time to answer the call of the Lord?

Rate Yourself

- Meditation on the Scripture

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- Success as a Christ follower

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10