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Strong and Courageous Joshua 1 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

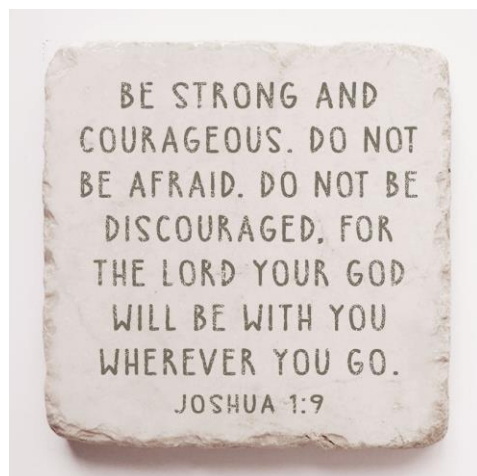
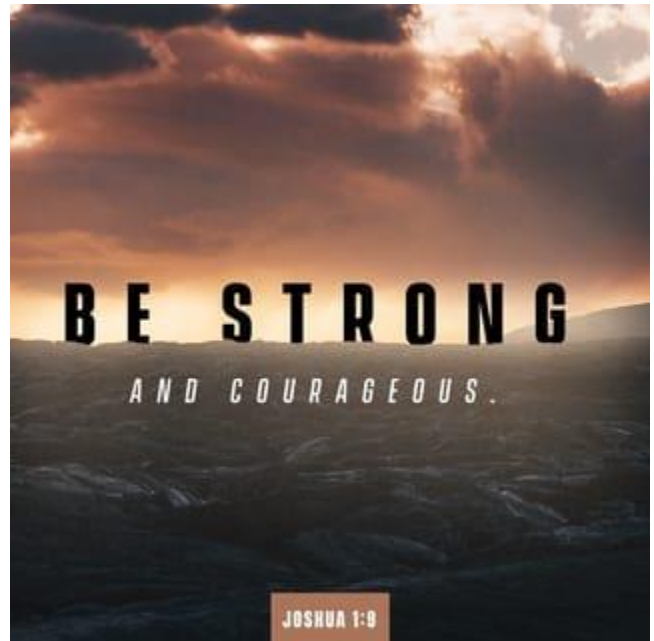
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start a new study looking at the first 12 chapters of Joshua. In Chapter 1 Joshua is established as the new leader to replace Moses. God tells him that he will lead the people across the Jordan into the promised land. He gives Joshua instruction that he must be strong and courageous as he leads the people. Following this He tells Joshua to meditate on the book of the Law so that God will make him prosperous. Join us this week as we look at the promises to Joshua and understand what God was doing then and how it applies to us today.

God's Orders to Joshua

1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, **2** "Moses My servant is dead; so now arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. **3** Every place on which the sole of your foot steps, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory. **5** No one will *be able to* oppose you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not desert you nor abandon you. **6** Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may achieve success wherever you go. **8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success. **9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua Assumes Command

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, **11** "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are going to cross this Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.'"

12 But to the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, **13** "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is giving you rest, and will give you this land.' **14** Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross ahead of your brothers in battle formation, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them, **15** until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as *He is giving* you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you may return to your own land, and take possession of that which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

16 They answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. **17** Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you; only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. **18** Anyone who rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous."

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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🕒 Explore His Word (Interpretation) (For Community group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

1. What does God tell Joshua to be? (6-7)
2. What is the condition for Joshua's success?
3. What reason does God give Joshua for being strong and courageous?
4. Where is the land that was given to the Reubenites and Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh?
5. Why did the tribes mentioned in question 4 have to cross first?
6. Did the Israelites agree to follow Joshua?
7. How well had the Israelites followed Moses?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

8. Should we be strong and courageous today? Why?

9. Should we have the same motivation to follow all of the Law like the Israelites were instructed? Explain.

10. What is the main point of this passage and how does it apply to you today?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes