

COURAGE FOR TODAY  
(and tomorrow!)

TODAY'S THEME: A simple message to take Courage

TODAY'S TEXT: Joshua 1:1-9

**I. COURAGE DEPENDS ON AN \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM GOD (v.2)**

**A. God Issued A Challenge To Joshua**

- > Cross the flooded Jordan River and take possession of the land
- An insurmountable task into the \_\_\_\_\_

• Joshua 3:14-17

- A challenge to go forward into the \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. We Have A \_\_\_\_\_**

*"There is no such thing as courage apart from mission, just as there is no such thing as faith apart from challenge." – Crawford Loritts*

- > We were specifically created to do specific \_\_\_\_\_

• Ephesians 2:10

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**II. COURAGE DEPENDS ON ASSURANCE  
OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5,9)**

**A. God's Commitment To Israel**

- > Joshua could fully accept God's assignment because of God's \_\_\_\_\_
- He committed His presence to be with Joshua

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ Presence
  - No one would be able to stand against Israel
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ Presence
  - God, Himself, was with his people
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ Presence
  - "I will never leave you or forsake you." (v.5)

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**B. Christ's Commitment To His People**

- > Jesus reiterates the promise to Joshua by making the same commitment to us

• Matthew 28:20 - "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- > The Holy Spirit is the fulfilled promise and \_\_\_\_\_ of God's presence

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**III. COURAGE DEPENDS ON THE \_\_\_\_\_  
OF GOD'S WORD (v.7-8)**

- ▶ The success or failure of your assignment is tied to your relationship with \_\_\_\_\_

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## LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

A. \_\_\_\_\_ **The Word** (“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips ...”)

- > We need more than a nice story and a cool illustration once a week
- Speak it, share it, pray it, quote it – keep God’s Word on your lips

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ **On The Word** (“...day and night...”)

- > We can proclaim the Word because we have it stored up within us
- God’s truth should be the background noise in your mind and heart

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C. \_\_\_\_\_ **The Word** (“...be careful to do everything written in it.”)

- > Hypocrisy is a Christian’s weakness
- Knowing is one thing; to obey is to love Christ

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### CONCLUSION:

**God said to Joshua (3x),**

**“Be strong and courageous.”- v.6, 7, 9**

- > It became Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ cry (1:18)

**God is calling you to be strong and courageous today**

- > You have an assignment
- > His presence will be with you
- > His Word will anchor your faith and courage

**OPEN:** Share about a time in your life when you were brave or courageous.

**READ Joshua 1:1-18**

- > What has just happened “off-stage” as the Book of Joshua opens?
- > What promises are given to Joshua? (vv. 3-9)
- > What “commands” does God give to accompany the promises?
- > What do you think God means by “success” in v. 8?

Some tribes already possess their land on this side of the Jordan River.

- > What does Joshua ask of them and what do they promise in return?
- > How do you think Joshua feels after hearing their reassuring reply?
- > Which *command* from the Lord would be the most difficult for you to personally obey? Why?
- > Which of the Lord’s *promises* is the most meaningful to you? How come?

Pastor Dairn preached about all of us having an assignment from the Lord.

- > What assignment lies before you? What do you fear might hinder you in following God’s challenge?
- > God’s Presence and his Word were key to Joshua leading the Israelites. How does His Presence manifest in your daily life?
- > What challenges to knowing, proclaiming, and obeying God’s Word face you?

**PRAY** that each one in your group would be able to face life with a renewed sense of courage. God is with you! Also, pray for any needs in your group.