

Be Strong and Courageous

Joshua 1:1-9

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Summary: Scripture spoke of “*the Law and the prophets*,” and Joshua is a bridge between Moses and the rest of Biblical history. Even as Moses was a picture of Christ who delivers us from the slavery of sin, so Joshua is a picture of Christ who leads us to courageous victory in serving Him. The command to “*be strong and courageous*” applies just as much for us today as it did for Joshua, because God is the constant One who does not change.

1. A. Much of the Bible is biographical, about people. What times, places and historical events do we observe in Joshua 1:1-4?

- B. What other real people, real places and times are recorded for us historically, and how is that significant?
Genesis 50:15-21, Matthew 5:17, 22:37-40, Luke 1:1-4, 24:44, John 1:45, Romans 15:4-5

- C. How is the authenticity and reliability of the Scriptures powerful for us directly, today and for every occasion?
Romans 15:13, II Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, 6:19

2. A. Moses and Joshua were both a picture of Jesus Christ. From them we can see both sides of our salvation. In what fashion was Moses a picture of Jesus?
Exodus 3:7-10, Romans 6:1-6

- B. How then is Joshua a picture of Jesus, yet in a way which goes further?
Joshua 1:5-7, Romans 8:37, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 4:13, II Timothy 2:1

- C. Try to put yourself in Joshua’s sandals. What a calling; such a monumental task full of uncertainties and responsibilities which lie ahead! No wonder God went out of His way to encourage Joshua both directly and through Moses. But what about us? Have you identified your calling in life from God? Does it seem insurmountable? How should we go about it?
Joshua 1:8, II Chronicles 16:9a, Psalms 62:5-8, Proverbs 3:1-8

3. A. Go back to Joshua 1:1. Moses was the servant of whom? Who did Joshua serve?
- B. Joshua was mentored by Moses for a long time. How far back did this go? How do we see God preparing Joshua for his strategic task?
Exodus 17:9-14, 24:12-13, 33:11, Numbers 13:1, 8 & 16, 14:5-10, 27:18-20, 33:11, Deuteronomy 3:28, 31:1-8
- C. If anyone flourished in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, it was Joshua, who excelled in the obedience of faith because he had the Spirit of God. We too must leave the right legacy, as Moses did. God's servants come and go, but God is the only constant. Who are you leading by example?
Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:7-8
4. A. How many times in our text did God say to "be strong and courageous" to Joshua?
Joshua 1:6, 7, 9
- B. Remember, God alone is THE ALMIGHTY. What does that, along with His faithfulness, have to do with being strong and courageous on our part?
Numbers 23:19, Joshua 1:5 & 9, Lamentations 3:22-23
- C. So then we get our strength and courage from where?
Acts 4:13, Ephesians 3:16, 6:10, Hebrews 13:5