

Questions

1. According to verses 7–8, what role does God's Word play in Joshua's success, and how does this compare to what we often assume we need for success?
2. What is one promise of God you're clinging to right now in a difficult season? How does it affect the way you make decisions or face challenges?
3. Are there promises of God you struggle to believe in your current situation? What fears or lies are competing for your trust?
4. Where is God's Word calling you to obey in a way that requires courage (Whether in relationships, integrity, speech, or priorities)?
5. What fears (of rejection, failure, loss) hold you back from obedience? How can believing in and embracing God's empowering presence encourage you to take faithful steps of obedience?
6. What specific fear or discouragement in your life right now is louder than the truth, "I will never leave you or abandon you"? How can you remind yourself daily of God's presence when you feel overwhelmed or discouraged?
7. Who in your life helps you be strong and courageous in your faith? Who might need that encouragement from you this week?
8. Are you tempted to isolate in difficulty rather than invite others in? Why, and what might change if you leaned into community?

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to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.*

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Joshua

The Story of
The Promise-Keeping God

Be Strong & Courageous

Joshua 1:1-18

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As New Covenant believers, Joshua 1:1–18 reveals four gospel-shaped realities that call us to be strong and courageous in God's purposes for our lives.

JOSHUA 1:1-18 – OVERVIEW TEACHING

JOSHUA 1:1-9 – God Speaks to and Commissions Joshua

Verses 1-5a – The Charge

Verses 5b-9 – The Encouragement

There is an intentional design to these verses: they are bracketed by God's presence in verse 5b and verse 9. Meaning, strength and courage—indeed, the ability to not be afraid or discouraged—will not come from self-confidence, but from God's nearness.

JOSHUA 1:10-18 – Joshua Speaks to and Prepares God's People

Verses 10-15 – The Charge (Two Groups)

Verses 16-18 – The Charge

FOUR GOSPEL-SHAPED REALITIES

GOD'S PROMISES (v.6)

God's promises embolden us to be strong and courageous.

We have more reason to be emboldened because, "...every one of God's promises are "Yes" in [Christ]." (2 Cor. 1:20)

If God's promises are to embolden us, we must:

1. _____ **God's Promises** – We cannot be emboldened by a promise we do not know.
2. _____ **God's Promises** – We must believe they are blood-bought realities for us, if we are to stand on them.
3. _____ **God's Promises** – We must live in their good, rest in their truth, and walk by faith in their certainty.

GOD'S WORD (vv. 7-8)

God's word requires us to be strong and courageous.

Matthew 5:17; John 15:5; Romans 8:4; Ephesians 6:11-12, 17

GOD'S PRESENCE (vv. 5b, 9)

God's presence empowers us to be strong and courageous.

In Hebrews 13:5, the promise to Joshua of God's never-leaving or abandoning presence is applied to us in Christ. And just like with Joshua, God's presence isn't just comfort, it's power: God's presence is the empowerment for us to free ourselves from the love of money and be content with what we have.

God is not merely with us, He's in us! In the person of the Holy Spirit, we have the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead living in us. (Rom. 8:11)

GOD'S PEOPLE (v.18)

God's people encourage us to be strong and courageous.

The unity of the Trans-Jordan tribes with Joshua and the rest of God's people is a preview of what the church is meant to be. In Christ, we're not just saved from sin, we're united into a Spirit-forged community of believers.

Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:1-6

JESUS THE BETTER JOSHUA

The name "Jesus" is the Greek form of "Joshua." Both mean, "Yahweh saves." Jesus is the better Joshua.

Matthew 28:18-20