

## I. CONTEXT

*Joshua 1:1 - "After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant..."*

### A. Israel is reeling

1. In the wilderness
2. Moses is dead
3. New leadership

## II. THE PROMISES

*Joshua 1:2-5 - "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you."*

### A. Promise = the conquest of the land

### B. The promises reveal the promise giver

1. God accomplishes His promises
2. God's promises are complete

*2 Corinthians 1:20 - "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory."*

3. God's promises are consistent

## III. THE CALL TO ACTION

*Joshua 1:6-9 - "Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>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 have good success. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

### A. God's promises fuel us to be strong and courageous

### B. How do we sustain this strength?

1. God's Word
  - a. Be obedient to it
  - b. Meditate on it

### C. God's command = Be strong and courageous

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing that stood out to you or challenged your thinking in the message this week?
2. As we look ahead to a new year, what spiritual goals have you set for yourself? Share them with the group and encourage accountability to one another.
3. Which of God's promises has meant the most in your life? Why? What does that promise reveal to you about who God is?
4. What does a lack of faith in God reveal about our understanding of Him? Share some ways that you have grown in your understanding of God.
5. Why is faith such a hard thing for us? What things are hurdles to us having faith? How does God help us overcome these hurdles?
6. Take some time as a group and pray for one another as you start the New Year! Pray over the spiritual goals you have set and pray that God would ready our hearts for our faith to be deepened through the study of His Word this year!