

Israel was known for being stubborn

“For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the Lord while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die!” (Deuteronomy 31:27, NIV)

People living in the Land were gigantic

“We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are. The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” (Numbers 13:31-33, NIV)

God commanded Joshua to be courageous, but made a promise that would give him courage

After the death of Moses, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. (Joshua 1:1-2, NIV)

“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ... No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Joshua 1:3, 5, NIV)

“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.” (Joshua 1:6-8a, NIV)

“Then you will be prosperous and successful.” (Joshua 1:8b, NIV)

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged ...” (Joshua 1:9a)

“... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9b)

What is God saying to you today?

Name your fears and face them

Claim God’s promise of presence

Step out in courage

Don’t complicate courage by looking for a sudden feeling of bravery

“Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.” (General George S. Patton)

There are two kinds of courage: extraordinary and everyday

Most of the fears you and I face in life require everyday courage

A special word to fathers

The world needs your courage

“We have come to think of taking offence as a fundamental right. We value very little more highly than our rage, which gives us, in our opinion, the moral high ground. From there we can shoot down at our enemies and inflict heavy fatalities.” (Salman Rushdie)

Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4:19, NLT)

Your family needs your courage