

**The Story: Chapter 7**  
**The Battle Begins**

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**MAIN SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 3:25-28, 34:9;  
Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18

**DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX CLASS**  
**SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO**  
**SEGMENTS:**

**1) THE STORY STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS**  
**CHOSEN BY THE LEADER.**

**2) THE FOLLOWING REMIX QUESTIONS:**

**Opening Discussion**

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

**Thought #1: The Passing of the Baton**

Read Deuteronomy 3:25-28

"Let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan — that fine hill country and Lebanon. But because of you the Lord was angry with me and would not listen to me. 'That is enough,' the Lord said. 'Do not speak to me anymore about this matter. But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see.'"

Moses had faced big assignments from God before, but this one may have been the biggest. This final assignment of resignation required him to obey with integrity and humility. To pass the baton that he had carried for so long.

Have you, past or present, faced an assignment from God that required humility like this? A time you had to pass the baton and surrender your control or leadership to someone else? What were the thoughts and feelings you had about this situation?

Then we look to Joshua. He was stepping into very big shoes. As their leader, the Israelites had a long history with Moses, both good and bad. Have you, past or present, faced an overwhelming or "too-large" assignment from God? What were the thoughts and feelings you had about this situation?

Pastor Marcos reminded us that Joshua found himself in the middle of a BIG past and an even

BIGGER future. Have you found yourself in that middle place? Between a BIG past (good or bad) and the promise of a BIGGER future? How did you respond? Where did you see the presence and evidence of God in the middle?

**Thought #2: Finding Strength and Courage**

Read Joshua 1:6-7, 9

"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 laws 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."

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you where've you go."

The Lord spoke the words "Be strong and courageous" three times to Joshua. As with most things in life, we need to hear the same message over and over before it sinks in! Joshua was no different. In these three passages, what did the Lord tell Joshua that being strong and courageous would result in?

(Leaders: that he would lead the people, that he would be a part of the fulfillment of God's promise, that the Lord would be with him wherever he would go)

Where is God calling you to be strong and courageous in your life? A situation, a relationship, or even a decision requiring strength and courage? What will being strong and courageous (in the Lord, not your own power!) result in?

Continuing in Joshua, read 1:10-11 and 16-18

"So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: "Go through the camp and tell people, 'Get your provisions ready. Three days from now we will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.'"

"Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with

