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Joshua 1:1-18
Be Strong and Courageous
Sunday, 1/9/22 Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: The book of Joshua is a story of fearless faith and victory for God's people, because Yahweh had given His people the land of Canaan as a gift.

II. Be Strong and Courageous (Josh 1:1-18).

A. Trust in God's Promises (vv. 1-4).

1. God urged Joshua to cross over the Jordan and take possession of the land of Canaan because He had promised to give it to Israel's forefathers.

B. Trust in God's Power (vv. 5-6).

1. God told Joshua that He would be with him and encouraged him to be bold and courageous, knowing that He was asking Joshua to do something unprecedented.

C. Trust in God's Precepts (vv. 7-9).

1. God commanded Joshua not to compromise regarding His word, but to meditate on it as the source of his strength and courage.

D. Trust in God's Plan (vv. 10-15).

1. Joshua commanded Israel to get ready to cross over the Jordan and prepare for battle. After forty years of wandering, Israel was finally entering Canaan.

E. Trust in God's People (vv. 16-18).

1. The Israelites agreed to follow Joshua as they did with Moses, and they vowed that anyone who would not listen to him would be put to death.

III. Conclusion: God encouraged Joshua and Israel to be bold and courageous because He promised to deliver Canaan into their hands and give them the land as a possession.

Questions About: Be Strong and Courageous

1. How do we live by faith and not fear? What stood between the Jews and the promised land? What is the central theme of Joshua? (**John 1:6-9**) Why did God reiterate this to Joshua?
2. What promises did Joshua receive from God? (**Josh 1:1-4**) How did God make promises to give the land to Abraham (**Gen 12:2-3**)? To Isaac (**26:3-5**)? And to Jacob (**28:13**)?
3. What were the dimensions of the land God promised to Joshua? (**Josh 1:4**) What physical barrier still lay in front of Israel? (**Josh 3:15**) How were they going to cross the Jordan?
4. What did God promise to Joshua? (**Josh 1:5-6**) Why was it necessary for God to be with Joshua? (v. 5) How was God with Moses? Do you feel as though God is with you?
5. What command did the Lord give to Joshua? (**Josh 1:6-7**) Why did God reiterate this command three times? (vv. 6-7, 9) What might Joshua have feared? (**Num 13:25-29**)
6. What did God say would be the source of Joshua's strength? (**Josh 1:6-9**) What did God say Joshua should do with His word? (**Josh 1:8**) What strikes fear in your heart? Why?
7. What did Joshua instruct the army to do? (**Josh 1:10-15**) What did Joshua remind the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tribes about their duties? (vv. 12-15) Why was this critical that they fight in the conquest?
8. How did the tribes respond to Joshua? (**Josh 1:16-18**) What did they say they would do to those who didn't obey his commands? (v. 18) How committed are you to God's people?

Prayer

1. Ask God to help you live a life of fearless faith in His power and promises.
2. Pray that God might reveal to you His plan and for you to commit yourself to His service.