

COURAGEOUS WARRIOR – A Warrior’s Mentality!

Joshua 1:5-9

Athlete’s challenges – Believer’s challenges:

- *Coping with pain and injuries.
- *Dealing with adversity.
- *Multi-tasking sports with other life responsibilities and tasks.
- *Making daily decisions relating to integrity and responsibility. – (*Advanced Human Performance Systems*)

(v.5-6)

God’s legacy is a “warrior’s *spiritual* mentality!”

(Malachi 3:6) “For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.”

“Be strong” – means: to strengthen, harden, become strong, grow firm, resolve, and be sore.

Lifetime endeavor.

(James 1:2-4) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Joshua’s preparation.

The trials we face today are “fashioning” us for the faith we will exercise tomorrow!

v.5a. (Proverbs 29:25) The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

(Philippians 4:13) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

“Good courage” – to be alert, mental courage.

When we are “strong in the Lord,” our mind is “right!”

Good courage also provides us with a resolute (decisive) mind. (6b)

(James 4:8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

(v.7, 8) - “very courageous” – Keep the word of God!

Very – mighty, force, abundance.

Four - Focus Factors

1) Do not turn to the “right” or the “left.” Hebrews 12:1-2.

2) Keep God’s word in your mouth.

(Luke 6:45b) “For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

3) Let your mind meditate on the word. Colossians 3:16.

4) Observe to do the word.

(James 1:22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

(v.7, v.8) Promise of prosperity!

CONCLUSION: (v.9)

Afraid – literally, terrified. Dismayed – to be beaten down, shattered.

Who might you “inspire” with a “warrior’s mentality of faith?”

(Hebrews 12:12-13) Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

“Be strong and of good courage!”