



FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

August 7, 2022

Message Title: The Gaffe, the Goal, and the Glory

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9 [ESV]

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "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. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 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. 5 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. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 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[a] wherever you go. 8 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. 9 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."

Points of Consideration:

The Gaffe to Circumvent

The Goal to Cary Out

The Glory to Count On

Discussion Questions:

Have you ever been intimidated or anxious about your circumstances? Reflecting on your journey as a disciple of Jesus, how has God been faithful even in the middle of difficult circumstances, fear, and anxiety? Consider Joshua 1:5 and John 6:35-40. How are these two contexts connected?

As disciples of Jesus, we are commissioned to carry out God's mission. Consider Matthew 28:16-20, how do we fulfill God's mission? Are we participating in the Great Commission? How do we participate in the Abrahamic Covenant through the Great Commission?

God promised Joshua and his people that He would be with them. Jesus makes the same promise to us in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:20b). How does this promise encourage you? What does it look like for Christ to be "with" us?

Prayer Guide for Tribes

You Turn Ministries

- PRAISE NOTE: Over a month ago, new believers from the Mitundu area of Malawi came together for a baptismal service...300 people were baptized!
- You Turn's Malawi staff are preparing for 8 mission teams over the summer. Pray for the Lord to go before them to do a great work in the lives of lost villagers who have yet to hear the Gospel, to be with the team members as they faithfully share, to bless the new churches that will be planted, and to bring about an eternal impact on US church partners as they serve alongside You Turn.
- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer league as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
 - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years. A school in Chipata, Zambia hosted their first graduation June 1st with a class of 38 students!
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
 - o We are currently working with area missionaries in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to plant a Hispanic church in our facilities here at Fusion!
 - Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family to be raised up and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
 - Pray for wisdom as Fusion discerns its next steps in planting this church.
- Walton County Church Plant
 - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.
- Recovering community- God is at work in Weymouth! LCC is experiencing radical life change in its members. They are surrounded by a massive community of addicts undergoing rehabilitation and recovery, and many of these individuals are finding healing at the foot of the cross! Pray specifically for Jake, Eric, Lucas, and Derek. These men found Christ in recovery and are leaders in this parish, passionately pursuing intimacy in their walk. Also pray for Kevin, a man who was saved just two weeks ago! He is still in recovery and is surrounded by men battling addiction, and he needs your prayer for strength and resilience.
- “Dots on the Map”: LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!

Source of Light Ministries

- SOL started a new branch in Costa Rica. The team in Costa Rica will distribute discipleship courses throughout the country and seek ways to share the Gospel with lost people.
- Four missionaries with SOL went through a support-raising course and are actively raising support. Those missionaries are Brian Thigpen, Bruce Dare, Johnathan Wideman, and Ben Doomy. Pray that God would supply the needed funds for their ministries.
- Ukraine- SOL is running a relief initiative for Ukrainian refugees. Many of these refugees are fleeing into Romania, where SOL is funding a local church that has a summer camp facility. The church is providing housing, food, diapers, beds, clothing and transportation, and information. Pray for these fundraising efforts!
- SOL also just held trainings for directors for three new branches starting in Spain, Mexico, and Peru. Pray for these branches as they distribute discipleship courses and bring the Gospel to lost people.
- New courses- SOL is currently writing new discipleship courses for children! All of their coursework is used worldwide, so praise God for the opportunity for these new materials to open doors for children all over the world to be raised in the knowledge of God!

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5-county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!
- As school starts back, we need community help to pay for breakfast for FCA huddles. \$200 will buy enough Chick-fil-A biscuits for FCA huddle at one of our Morgan Co. schools. If you are interested, or if your tribe is interested in providing a breakfast, please let Jason or Traci McBay know.
- On Saturday, July 30th, the FCA Firefly Triathlon helped raise over \$15,000 for ministry resources. Thank you to all who prayed, served, or participated in the race.
- The FCA leadership summit was held on Saturday, August 6th, in Monroe. FCA trained leaders, faculty members, volunteers, and character coaches on how to make disciples that make disciples.
- With a new fiscal year, we are looking for community sponsors. If you own a business and would like to support FCA during the 2022-2023 school year, please let Jason and Traci know.
- Lake Country FCA Power Camp will take place October 11-13 in Greene Co. Please be in prayer for this camp.
- Morgan County Fields of faith will be Wednesday, November 2nd. Please pray and mark your calendar to attend.

Timothy Initiative

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, to train native pastors to plant these churches, and to instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples.
- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.
- In particular, pray for the East Africa region of TTI's international ministry. Jake had the opportunity to see firsthand the work that God is doing in Turkana, Kenya, a semi-arid region with widespread poverty and very little access to clean drinking water. In spite of all the obstacles they have faced, through God's grace, Turkana has seen hundreds of microchurches planted and over 19,000 believers come to faith in Christ. Pray for their continued discipleship and for the continued evangelization of nearly a million people in the county.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!