

Read Joshua 1:1. Joshua had been working with Moses for many years with increasing responsibilities along the way. Can you think of ways that God has been using you in greater ways through the years? How are you using those opportunities to grow and become closer with God? If you haven't seen those growing opportunities, why do you think that might be? *Added for children: In what ways in your family have you been showing that you're growing? Bigger chores? Being responsible watching a sibling? How about reading your Bible to grow closer to God?*

Read Joshua 1:5. God said that He could be trusted to conquer the Canaanites because He had already proved that He never left Moses. How could Joshua have known this to be true? What had he seen in Moses' life? (Hint: Read Exodus 33:11). Knowing this to be true, what times in your life has God shown that He can be trusted? Think about your relationship with Him and how He has made Himself known to you. *Added for Children: Do you speak with God as a friend when you pray? How can you grow closer to Him?*

Read Numbers 14:26-35. This morning we thought about how all of Joshua's life was leading up to this moment in Joshua chapter 1. He was really prepared by God for many years before being thrust into this huge responsibility to guide the people. If Joshua had allowed fear to take hold of him back in Numbers 14 with all of the other spies, do you think that Joshua would have been prepared to lead the people? Would he have even been alive? Do you take God's growing opportunities seriously in your own life?