



Week 1: Stand By Me Joshua 1:1-5 Message Notes

God's word for this week:

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These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. **“I will be with you”**. In the Pentateuch, we are introduced to Moses. What are some things you know about Moses? What are some of the stories of Moses that you remember? How was God with Moses in these things? Now, thinking about Joshua at this moment in Joshua 1. What had Joshua done? Reread verse 5. How would Joshua come to experience “I will be with you”?
2. Looking at these verses, we don't get much insight into what Joshua was feeling. But we all know how we would feel if we were in a situation such as this one. We are told what God declared to Joshua. How did God seek to strengthen Joshua? What did God say that gave Joshua confident hope to press forward?
3. The battle belongs to the Lord. It's a saying that we have all heard, isn't it? We trust in God as He prepares for us what He is calling us to do. In these verses, what was God's responsibility? What was Joshua's? Do you think we ever confuse our instruction and God's promise to work? Why do you think this is?
4. **God's promises don't depend on our circumstances, and they don't end with our circumstances**. We know that to be true but what do we do when our circumstances feel too big? What do we do when we feel like things are out of control? We trust in and rely on God's promises. So, which of God's promises are most valuable to you? Which have held you during difficult times?
5. Joshua 1 is a beautiful passage for us today. Just as He called and equipped Joshua to fulfill God's purposes, He does the same today. What is God calling and equipping you for? Are you ready to be obedient to cross your river?
6. **Share the Truth**. Who is God putting on your heart to share the truth of God's promises with? Would you pray right now that the Holy Spirit will reveal who He is calling you to share with today.

Prayer: God, my heart's desire is to serve you. Would you remind me of Your promises, and would You give me the strength to walk in obedience to You? In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Week 2: Don't Stop Believin' Joshua 1:6-9 Message Notes

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1. **“Be Strong and Courageous”**. God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous. What do you think that meant to Joshua? What did God tell Joshua should be the basis of his confidence? (6, 9). Knowing what you know of Joshua, how did he do in trusting God's promise? Was he strong and courageous?
2. God calls us to be strong and courageous today. Where do we find our confidence? Is that the same answer as where should we find our confidence? What are the enemies of strength and courage for you? How do we defeat those enemies in our lives?
3. **Meditate on the Law of the Lord**. How do you think Joshua fulfilled the command to meditate and do the law of the Lord (8)? How do we do that? Do you think that we spend enough energy in God's Word? Why? And is there anything we can do about that? How can we better succeed in meditating and living out the law of the Lord?
4. God had already promised that the Israelites that they would enter the land. Joshua just had to lead the people to enter it. Sometimes the hardest part is not to believe the promise, but to actually do what God has told us to do. Thinking about our church, what are the promises of God that we should be seeking to claim as a church?
5. **God promises more and more strength and courage and less and less fear and discouragement**. How do we know God will do what He says? How do we live like we believe God will do what He says? Sometimes it's easy to say something and then live differently. But God has called us to live faith-filled lives believing His promises. How can you live more that way today?
6. **Share the Truth**. Who is God putting on your heart to remind to be strong and courageous? Be sure this week to remind them that God's promises are for them as well.

Prayer: God, I want to be strong and courageous. Would You please give me Your power to accomplish the plans and purposes You have for me? In Jesus' Name, Amen.