

A CALL TO COURAGE
Part 1 in Series: Taking Ground
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Text: Joshua 1:6-9

Introduction: God repeated an exhortation to Joshua three times: *“Be strong and courageous”*

The kind of strength and courage Joshua was called to and demonstrated comes from...

RECALLING GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

- Jeremiah writes... *“I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope. Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.”* Lamentations 3:19-23
- *“All that He promised, there has not failed one word of all his good promise...”* I Kings 8:56
- God’s Faithfulness is discovered in our faithfulness to God.

RELYING ON GOD’S PURPOSES

- *Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.* Joshua 1:7
- *My food (purpose) is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish his work.* John 4:34

RESTING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

- *As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.* Joshua 1:5
- *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9
- *You may say to yourselves, “These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?” But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the miraculous signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear.... Do not be terrified by them, for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God...* Deuteronomy 7:17-19, 21

4. RECEIVING GOD’S PROMISE

- *I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life.* Joshua 1:3