
Crossing Over

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Where does God-confidence come from?

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. ... 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. Joshua 1:1-3, 5

Each time God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous, He gives him a reason...

- God's Promise
- God's Word
- God's Presence

Be strong and courageous to step into the responsibility God has given you.

Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Joshua 1:6

- God's promises aren't meant to make us passive; they're meant to move us forward.

Be strong and courageous to obey the Word of God without compromise.

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 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. Joshua 1:7-8

- God's Word isn't something you skim once; it's something you keep coming back to until it becomes part of you.

Be strong and courageous to face fear and move forward.

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." Joshua 1:8-9

Fear wasn't Joshua's greatest problem; forgetting God's presence was.

- Instead of focusing on your inadequacy... look to God's promise.
- Instead of following your own instincts... follow God's Word.
- Instead of fixating on your fears... remember God's presence.

Let's Talk About It

Life is full of "crossing over" moments—times when God invites us to leave the familiar behind and trust Him with what lies ahead. After the death of Moses, Joshua faced uncertainty, loss, and fear as he stepped into a new season, yet God repeatedly called him to be strong and courageous. His courage wasn't rooted in self-confidence but in God's promises, God's Word, and God's constant presence. The same is true for us today. As we keep our eyes on who God is rather than on our fears, we can move forward with confidence, trusting that He is faithful to lead us into every new season.

Joshua 1:1-9; John 5:24

- Which part of the message impacted and challenged you?
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- Read Joshua 1:1-3. What "Jordan" are you facing right now—a new season, decision, challenge, or opportunity that requires you to trust God? What will "crossing over" require of you?
- Read Joshua 1:5-7. Describe the difference between self-confidence and God-confidence. When you face uncertainty, what do you tend to rely on first? How can you grow in depending more on God?
- Read Joshua 1:8-9. God told Joshua to meditate on His Word day and night. What practical habits help you stay rooted in Scripture, especially during seasons of transition or uncertainty?
- God's command to "be strong and courageous" was grounded in His promise, His Word, and His presence. Which of those three truths do you most need to hold onto right now, and why?

Take a Step

Where do you need courage right now? Ask God to replace fear with faith, then intentionally take one courageous step that reflects your trust in His promises, His Word, and His presence.

Here's My Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for always being with me. Help me trust Your promises, stay rooted in Your Word, and find my courage in You instead of myself. Give me the faith to take the next step You're calling me to take and to follow You wherever You lead. In Jesus' name, amen.