

Title: Be Strong and Courageous

Passage: Joshua 1:1-9

Summary:

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Key Truths:

- All that is written in the Bible is to give us hope.
- Joy and grace found in Christ Jesus strengthens us.
- Courage is being careful to do all that God has commanded.
- Keep God's Word in your mind, heart, and every aspect of your life.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
- What does it mean to read our Bible so as to hear from God?
- What does true courage look like and why?
- James 1:22 admonishes us to be "doers of the Word." What next steps will you take in response to the truths you have been exposed to?

Introduction

Hebrews 13:7-8

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

- Commission of Lead Pastor
- God is with you wherever you go.

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Moses. 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. 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. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 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. 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. 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.”

EXPOSITION

I. VERSES 1-6

Joshua 1:1

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant,

- Moses
 - He was the servant of God over the Israelites to lead them out of bondage in Egypt.
- Minister
 - Meaning = “mini” = “The miniature under the master”
- What is godly leadership?
 - “The LORD said to Joshua” = God speaks to His prime minister.

1 Corinthians 10:11

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

- “On whom the end of the ages has come”
 - We are in the end times. Closer to the the ultimate end of time than ever before.

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

- “we might have hope”
 - All that is written in the Bible is to give us hope.

- Do you read your Bible to hear from God?

Joshua 1:2

“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.

- Difficult circumstances have no comparison to our awesome, living God.
 - “Moses my servant is dead”
 - “Jordan” (swelling over)
 - “Into the land” (which included Jericho and many other fortified cities)

Psalms 24:1

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

Joshua 1:3-4

Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 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.

- All the land that belongs to Israel:
 - “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you,”
 - “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 ”
- God gave the patriarchs just a small nation.
 - But Jesus called us to make disciples of the nations.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- Jesus is quoting the passage in Joshua
- Jesus’ name is the same as Joshua, which reflects the same legacy that Joshua carried.
 - King Jesus will invade the land and rule over all the nations as Joshua lead.

Joshua 1:5-6

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. Be strong and

courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life.

- We have a winning commission.

Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

I swore to their fathers to give them.

- God's promises are completely sure.

Isaiah 46:9-10

remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

II. VERSES 7-8

Joshua 1:7

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 wherever you go.

Only be strong and very courageous,

1 Chronicles 28:20 (David's charge to Solomon)

Then David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

2 Chronicles 32:7-8 (Hezekiah's charge)

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him, for there are more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- the joy and grace found in Christ Jesus strengthens us.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Hebrews 13:9

Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you.

- strength in courage is to be careful
 - Careful to do all that God has commanded.
 - Contrast: it is not forging ahead carelessly.

Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

Proverbs 4:26-27

Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

1 John 2:7

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

- What is God's command?
 - love His sheep

John 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Joshua 1:8

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.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,

- keep God's Word in your mind, heart, and every aspect of your life.

1 Timothy 4:13-16

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- God's Word is all we need and all we must focus on.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Joshua 24:15b

...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

III. VERSE 9

Joshua 1:9

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.”

- precious reminders of God's truth as we go forth.

Psalms 91:14-15

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.