



Developing Godly Leadership

April 14th-15th, 2018

SERIES: Joshua

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Read: Joshua 1:6-9.

6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 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. 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. 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." The promise of God's presence is the most comforting and assuring thing there is. Over and over in Scripture, we see the promise of God's presence providing strength for the weak, courage for the fearful, comfort for the grieving and hope for the hopeless. Here are just a few examples:

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Notes...

CAUGHT up in the "**BIG COMPELLING** of God"

CONVINCED that **YOU** are the **ONE** (v. 6b)

COMMANDED to be **STRONG** and very **COURAGEOUS** (vv. 6, 7, 9)

1. The PROMISE of an INHERITANCE (v6)
2. The PROMISE of GOOD SUCCESS (vv7-8)
3. The PROMISE of God's NEVER-FAILING PRESENCE (v9)

Bottom Line: Allow yourself to be caught up in the big compelling of God.

For those not yet living a Jesus-centered life

- KNOW that YOU are the ONE

For those living a Jesus-centered life

- RECEIVE from God the STRENGTH and COURAGE he offers through his PROMISES.
- Allow both the ASSIGNMENT and the GOD of the assignment to become more COMPELLING than your FEARS
- CALL people to be COMMITTED to the BOOK.

Discussion Questions:

Start this week off with discussing the ending quote from the sermon this week about God's promises and our response in faith and obedience:

God instructed Abraham's son Isaac to...Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father (Genesis 26:3). As Isaac's son Jacob was running for his life from his brother Esau, God gave him these words of assurance: Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" Genesis 28:15.

When Moses was afraid of going before Pharaoh, God affirmed: "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain" (Exodus 3:12). When the children of Israel were afraid because Moses was about to die, Moses gave them this strong assurance from God. Be strong

and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you" (Deut. 31:6).

God encouraged a very timid Gideon with these words: "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man" (Judges 6:16). In Isaiah 41:10, God said this "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

1. What aspects of the Christian faith do you scare away from? Any spiritual gift, brotherly confrontation, sin pattern, or theological stance bring questions to your mind? Do parts of the Holy Spirit make you weary or question if God works in that way? Discuss these as a group and provide Scripture to comfort one another as we work through some of these issues.
2. Are any of God's "assignments" insurmountable?
3. What aspects of the commandments of Scripture do you shy away from or feel like is impossible to follow?
4. Have you been dwelling and abiding by God's book this week?
5. What fruit has the Lord produced in you this week? And if not, what sin or weight do you need to lay down to run the Christian marathon with endurance?

OPTIONAL Throughout the Week: Let's review the Gospel of Luke now that we have taught through it as a church! Write down things you remember from the sermons and be refreshed as you see how you have grown in your walk with Christ since each passage was taught!

Monday: Read Luke 6

Tuesday: Read Luke 7

Wednesday: Read Luke 8

Thursday: Read Luke 9

Friday: Read Luke 10