



**Series:** Topical

**Passage** Joshua 1:1-18

**Title:** Be Strong and Courageous

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**Discussion Starter** – What opposition stands in front of you today where God is calling you to be strong and courageous in your walk with Christ, especially in the world we are living in now?

**The Transition** – (Joshua 1:1-2)

- What were the details of the transition taking place in Joshua's life and why do you think it was important for God to later tell him to be strong and of good courage?
- What transition in your life stands out the most that has caused you to be strong in your faith and of good courage in your walk with God?
- What are some of the battles we face today as Christians, and what does being strong and courageous look like for you? How do you view the meaning of "Being Strong and of Good Courage"? Do you see it as the same or somewhat different as to what Joshua was facing?

**God's Instruction to Joshua** – (Joshua 1:2-9)

- How do you see God addressing Joshua differently than His mentioning of the people of Israel? What message do you think He sending to Joshua about his new role?
- What actions does God call Joshua to do right away and what promise is God reminding Joshua He is keeping? What new promises does God make to Joshua in this chapter?
- What do you think enabled Joshua to have confidence in the promises of God? How would you explain to others what enables you as Christian today to have confidence in the promises of God?
- What are some of the things that make it hard to believe in the promises of God? What should separate us as true believers in the way we view God's promises. Read Joshua 23:14, Romans 8:18; 28-30. What insights are gained from these verses?
- Compare and contrast the context of the command God gives to Joshua of being strong and of good courage in both verse 6 and 7. What role did the obedience to the Word of God have in Joshua's calling as a leader? What type of promise did God make to him regarding the Word of God?
- What do you think God's purpose was for telling Joshua to meditate on His word day and night?
- What does it mean to meditate on God's word and how do we actually do it? Read Psalm 1:1-6. How does this passage better explain the purpose and importance of meditating on God's word?
- Why do you think God reminded Joshua in telling him of the assurance of His presence? How do you view God's presence in your life? Read Hebrews 13:5-6 and Psalm 139:1-10. How do these verses speak to you about the relationship God wants to have with you?

**Joshua Assumes Command** – (Joshua 1:10-18)

- What are some of the important aspects you see in the way Joshua addresses the people of Israel?
- Why do you think he specifically addressed the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh?
- How do you think the encouragement of the people impacted Joshua? What was the final reminder they give Joshua to remember and why do you think they did so?
- Christian life is not designed for us to be alone. We need to encourage one another. In fact, many of the commands in the New Testament contain the words "one another". Read John 13:34-35? How many other verses in the New Testament come to mind that contain "one another"?