

Strength And Courage

Joshua 1

Introduction:

- The Death of Moses (Deuteronomy 34).
- Joshua was now the leader of God's people (Joshua 1:1-5).
 - He had proven himself to be a faithful servant of God (Numbers 13-14).
 - He was likely anxious about stepping into his new role.
 - Moses had been reluctant when he was called (Exodus 3-4).
- 4 times, Joshua is told to be STRONG and COURAGEOUS.
 - 3 times by God, 1 time by the Israelites.
 - 2 times he is told why he NEEDS strength and courage.
 - 2 times he is told where he can find strength and courage.

Discussion:

1. Be Strong and Courageous Because You Have a Job to Do (Joshua 1:6).
 - a. The Courage and Strength of Caleb (Joshua 14:6-14).
 - b. We also have a big job to do (Matthew 28:18-20).
 - c. Our job requires strength and courage (2 Timothy 3:12).
2. Be Strong and Courageous Because You Have to Stay Faithful (Joshua 1:7-8).
 - a. Deuteronomy 5:32-33; Joshua 24:15.
 - b. We must also stay faithful (2 Peter 2:20-22).
 - c. It will require strength and courage to stay faithful (Revelation 2:10)
3. You Can Have Strength and Courage Because God is on Your Side (Joshua 1:9).
 - a. Joshua had seen what God could do over the last 40 years.
 - b. David had strength and courage because of God (1 Samuel 17:45-47).
 - c. Psalm 18:2; Philippians 4:13.
4. You Can Have Strength and Courage Because Godly People Will Support You (Joshua 1:16-18).
 - a. Elijah also needed to remember he was not alone (1 Kings 19).
 - b. Jesus desires unity amongst Christians (John 17:20-23).
 - c. One reason we come together is to encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Conclusion:

- Joshua led God's people with strength and courage (Joshua 24:29-31).
- Joshua did the job set before him, remained faithful, relied upon God for strength and courage, and God's faithful followers supported him.
- Will you be strong and courageous too?
 - You have a job to do.
 - You must remain faithful.
 - You can trust in God.
 - You can count on faithful Christians to help.