

“Joshua's Need for Encouragement”

Jos. 1:1-9

Introduction

- I. From time to time, we all could use some sort of encouragement.
- II. After Moses died, Joshua needed to be encouraged, and God did just that.

Discussion

- I. God encouraged Joshua to move forward (Jos. 1:1-2).
 - A. While there is a place for grief, there is also a time to continue living.
 - B. Constantly living in the past hinders a person's ability to grow.
 - C. We must not allow ourselves to be crippled by thoughts of the past (Phil. 3:13-15).
 - D. When we come to understand God's will, we should obey (John 9:4).
- II. God encouraged Joshua to be “strong and of a good courage” (Jos. 1:6-9).
 - A. God had given Joshua assurance (Jos. 1:5).
 - B. Fear is crippling (Isa. 41:10; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 John 4:18; cf. Psm. 34:4).
 - C. Nothing is too much for God (Jos. 1:3-4; cf. Heb. 6:17-19; Rom. 8:37-39).
 - D. We need to be courageous enough to do what God says, no matter what (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 13:5-6; James 1:25; cf. 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 John 9).

Conclusion

- I. There will be times in our lives where encouragement will be appreciated.
- II. We should never forget that we are not alone, God is always with us (2 Tim. 4:16-17).