

# A Call to Courage

Joshua 1:5-9

# What is Courage?

- Courage is the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc., without fear; bravery.  
Dictionary.com

# Word Origin

- The English word courage flows out of the Latin term cor which means heart
- French corage which means from the heart.
- Courage is emotional strength that lifts us up in moments of weakness.

# John Wayne on Courage

- Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway

# Joshua 1:5-9

- **5** No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. **6** "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.

# Joshua 1:5-9

- **7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.**

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- **9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."**

# Historical Background

- The connection to the past
- The change in leadership
- The coming conflict

# God Calls on Joshua

- Israel is dealing with the death of Moses
- Israel is depending on a leader
- Israel is directed to go forward
- Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better - Harry Truman

# God Confirms His Promises

- Promise of the Promised Land
- Promise to prevail
- Promise of Presence

# God Commands Joshua to Be Courageous

- In my experience, God rarely makes our fear disappear. Instead, He asks us to be strong and to take courage. Bruce Wilkerson
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- Courage to meet the objective
- Courage to remain obedient
- Courage to overcome the enemy

# How Do We Respond?

- Understand that God is calling
- Never underestimate God's promises
- Allow God to unleash His courage in you