

1 The Courage to Lead on All Levels

Joshua 1:1-9

2 Joshua 1:1-9 (1)

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: ² "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

3 Joshua 1:1-9 (2)

⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

4 Joshua 1:1-9 (3)

- *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe 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 of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**"*

5 Sammy Baugh

6 Joshua - Courage to lead on all levels

- One of the greatest generals of all time
- Began his Israeli career as Moses' assistant
- Fearless in battle
- A godly man at home
- The total package – a man's man

7 1. God's call to Joshua to be a leader

- ² "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.
- A leader under Moses
- A leader to follow Moses

8 2. God's commitment to Joshua

- ⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.
- God's commitment of conquest
 - God promises victory
 - God promises prosperity - conditional

9 God's commitment of closeness

- A close personal relationship - Joshua 1:5: ". . . as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you."
- God promises His presence

10 3. God's charge to Joshua

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11  **God's charge for courage**

- God tells Joshua to be strong.
- God tells Joshua to be courageous
- God's charge for courage: Three times in this passage (vv. 6, 7, 9) God says to Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage"

12  **God's charge for character**

- God tells Joshua that he is to lead.
- God tells Joshua to advance the nation.
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13  **God's charge for compliance**

- God's conditions for His blessing
- God commanded Joshua and Israel to follow Him, v. 7b: . . . *do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.*

14  **Favorite passage in Joshua**

- **Joshua 5:13-14:** ¹³ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "*Are You for us or for our adversaries?*" ¹⁴ So He said, "*No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.*" And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "*What does my Lord say to His servant?*"
- Adrian Rogers

15  **God's charge for completion**

- God will finish what was started.
 - God had a plan for Israel
 - Joshua was the instrument
 - A new chapter in the life of Israel
- Joshua needed to trust and obey.

16  **4. God's command to Joshua**

- God's command and Joshua's attitude
 - He faced every crisis head-on
 - He didn't plot out the whole war - one city at a time
 - Learned well by listening to Moses – Deuteronomy 20:4: 'for the LORD God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'
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17  **God's command and Joshua's action**

- Joshua was to move forward.
 - no time to waste
 - the appointed time of God
 - The Lord said, "I have given Jericho into your hand." - God wants to do the same thing for us.
 - Traveling first class
- Joshua was to focus on God

18  **God's command and Joshua's farewell address**

- Joshua 23:14: "*Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.*"

19  **Decisions to make**

- Joshua 24:15: ¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were on the other side of the River; or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*"

- Joshua stated his family's position

20  **In *Courageous*, the men in make a resolution – (1)**

- 'I do solemnly resolve before God to take full responsibility for myself, my wife, and my children. I will love them, protect them, and serve them and teach them the statutes of God as the spiritual leader of my home. I will be faithful to my wife, to love and honor her and be willing to lay down my life for her, as Christ did for me.

21  **In *Courageous*, the men in make a resolution – (2)**

- I will teach my children to love God with all their hearts, minds, and strength and will train them to honor authority and live responsibly. I will confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy and will treat others with kindness, respect, and compassion. I will work diligently to provide for the needs of my family and will speak truthfully and keep my promises.

22  **In *Courageous*, the men in make a resolution – (3)**

- I will forgive those who have wronged me and reconcile with those I have wronged. I will walk in integrity as a man answerable to God and will seek to honor God, obey His Word, and do His will. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'"

23  **Need for today: Men of courage**

- Courageous husbands
- Courageous fathers
- We don't need another spiritual fad
 - Promise Keepers
 - Prayer of Jabez

24  **Pastor Michael Catt**

- "The landscape is littered with the lives of those who said they were going to do something great for God and failed to do it. Where's the men's movement? I'm not talking about a pocket here and a parachurch group there. I'm talking about a global movement of men rallying to live for God and take back the land."