Be Strong and Courageous! Momentum: Getting on Track With God! Joshua 1:1-9 January 8, 2023

Joshua 1:9, Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Daniel 10:19, "Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong."

How Do We Become Strong and Courageous?

1. Embrace the New <u>REALITY</u>

Joshua 1:1, After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "<u>Moses my servant is dead</u>. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

Question: What Is Your New Reality?

2. Claim God's Promises About Your FUTURE

Joshua 1:3, I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; <u>I will never</u> leave you nor forsake you. <u>Question</u>: What Promise Do You Believe God Has Made to You?

Deuteronomy 31:6, Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

3. Don't Repeat Past MISTAKES

Joshua 1:3, I will give you every place where <u>you set</u> <u>your foot</u>, ...6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land <u>I swore</u> <u>to their ancestors to give them</u>.

Question: What Mistake/s Hold You Back?

<u>Psalm 23:4</u>, Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

4. Personal Action Is <u>REQUIRED</u>

Joshua 1:7, "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to <u>obey</u> all the law my servant Moses gave you; <u>do not turn</u> from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 <u>Keep this Book</u> of the Law always on your <u>lips; meditate</u> on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. <u>Then</u> you will be prosperous and successful.

<u>Question: What Action Steps Can I Take</u> <u>to Grow My Faith</u>?

- Read God's Word Daily
- Surround Yourself With God's People
- Worship God Faithfully
- Serve God
- Pray More
- Practice Biblical Stewardship
- Prepare for Hard Conversations

5. Remember God's <u>COMMAND</u> to Be Strong and Courageous

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<u>1 Corinthians 16:13</u>, Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.