

STRONG & COURAGEOUS

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PREPARE FOR THE BATTLES AHEAD JOSHUA 1

FOR CHILDREN:

Take two balloons; blow one up with air, but fill the other one with water. On the balloon filled only with air write "without God." On the balloon filled with water write, "filled with God's Word!" Now we will use a flame to represent the troubles of life. With supervision from your parents or guardians hold a flame under the balloon filled only with air. What happens? The balloon pops! Without God we are unable to face the problems of life.

Now read Joshua 1:7-9. God told Joshua to fill himself with God's Word and to be strong and courageous. Doing these things would bring him victory. Now try holding the flame under the balloon filled with water. What happens? It remains intact! When we fill ourselves with God's Word we are able to remain strong and courageous in life!

WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

**Today I Will Be Strong
& Courageous For Christ!**

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9

FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Joshua 1:1-9. As God was preparing Joshua to take over the leadership role where Moses had served, He gave His promise that the land and victory would be theirs, and He also gave Joshua the strategy for successful life and leadership: obedience to *torah*. *Torah* is the Hebrew word for God's self-revelation and instruction. Joshua was to keep his heart, his mind, and his life aligned with *torah* - Who God Is and who He created humanity to be. This would ensure that Joshua would always be on God's side, the winning side!

Today we should consider the entire Bible our *torah*. It shows us Who God Is, it reveals what truth is, it defines right and wrong, it gives us wisdom for how to live our daily lives, and it gives us promises of hope. Victory over the battles of life will come down to keeping our focus not on enemies, but on our own lives remaining in line with God's will. Prayerfully consider the following passages this week and how they reveal the path of success and victory for your life: 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Peter 1:5-11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Joshua 1:12-15. Moses had given these two-and-a-half tribes land on the east side of the Jordan River. The enemies had been cleared and the land was ready to be settled, but the land west of the Jordan was still wild and full of enemies. If the fighting men of these tribes did not cross over with their brothers, Israel's collective strength would be seriously depleted.

Today there is still much of our community and world that must be claimed for Christ, and our Joshua (*Jesus*) has commissioned us to go and make disciples, to immerse them in His name, and to teach them to obey His commandments. Prayerfully consider how God is still equipping you to contribute in the fight "until the Lord gives your brothers rest!"

JUNE 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- ☐ Read the Book of Joshua.
- ☐ Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of Joshua (available on the website).
- ☐ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ☐ Seek out a few individuals in your church family or sphere of influence and share with them a comforting promise from God's Word.