

Be Strong and Courageous

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Joshua 1:1-9

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Joshua - A story of God's gracious gift 1-3

- God gives – God's people inherit
- Believers have been given a better inheritance than just land, we've been given new life and eternal life - we are now family. 1 Peter 1:3-4
- God gives the inheritance, His people simply take possession. Ps 103:14
- God uses servants like Joshua to accomplish His purposes
 - Dt 1:38 - Joshua - the one who delivered the inheritance to people
 - Like Moses, Joshua was a servant of the Lord - Josh 1:1; Josh 24:29
- God's promises are sure, we can squander them when we fail to listen
 - God bringing the people into the land was sure thing, not dependent upon people's goodness or obedience, but God's character.
 - Beware of making this health and wealth: if obey, then...

God encourages Joshua for the battles to come 6,7,9

We all face battles (spiritual) : marriage, job, life in fallen world! 2 Cor 10:3-6

A. God reminds Joshua (us) that God's promises are sure **6**

Promises are about God and His character - God swore a covenant
The story of Joshua is merely a "trailer" for the real story of redemption
Abraham - saved by faith in God's promises not works - Rom 4:3
Joshua (you) can be strong & courageous because you can trust God
Remember we have the full promise from God through Jesus

B. God gave Joshua (us) a guidebook on how to wage the war **7-8**

God would fight the battles, His people just needed to show up.
He didn't want them to have superior weaponry because they had God
God calls His people to focus on His law & ways, not strategy

C. Be strong and courageous because God is with you! **9**

God led the way and fought the battles
Jesus, gives us a commission with a promise: Mt 28:18-20
We don't take up a physical sword today, we have the Sword of the Spirit
Eph 6:17. Use it because God fights the battle for you!

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