

Be Strong and Courageous

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Joshua 1:1-3,5-9, 18b

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. 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. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4... 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. 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. 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." 10-17... 18... be strong and courageous!"

6 Biblical examples of Being Strong and Courageous:

- NOAH (Genesis 6:13-22)
- ABRAM/ABRAHAM (Genesis 12:1-4)
- MOSES (Exodus 3 & 4)
- JOSHUA (Numbers 13 & 14)
- JESUS (Luke 22:41-42)
- DISCIPLES/YOU & ME (Matthew 28:18-20)

To be strong and courageous, we must...

1. **REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US**
Standing Stones (Joshua 4)

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2. **BOLDLY GO WHERE HE LEADS**

Gen 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Gen 12:4 So Abram left, as the Lord had told him...

Ex 4:20 So Moses... started back to Egypt.

Josh 4:10 everything the Lord had commanded Joshua was done
by the people.

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3. **NOT FEAR OBSTACLES IN FRONT OF US**

Abraham - he was 75 years old and had no details of what was
before him

Joshua - 12 spies: 10 saw giants and 2 remembered that God was
with them

Jesus - Faced the burden of the Cross

Disciples - The Spirit of Jesus Christ was with them

Acts 1:8 [Jesus said] **“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**