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⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:6–9

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Joshua 1:6

- What does this verse tell Joshua to do?
- What does it mean to be strong and courageous?
- Why does God say Joshua should be strong and courageous according to the text?

God assures Joshua that he will be the one who causes the people to inherit the land that God swore he would give to their fathers. This is Joshua's God given purpose.

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Joshua 1:7–8

- How does this passage begin? Why do you think it's important that God reiterates himself to Joshua?
- What does God tell him to be careful to do? Why is this important to God?
- What will happen as a result?

⁹*How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.*

¹⁰*With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!*

¹¹*I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.*

¹²*Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!*

¹³*With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.*

¹⁴*In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.*

¹⁵*I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.*

¹⁶*I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.*

Psalm 119:9–16

- How does this passage compare with Joshua 1:7–8? (Hint: It emphasizes the importance of knowing and obeying God's Word.)
- What does the psalmist say about God's Word? What effect does it have on him (Possible answers: God's Word helps young men keep their way pure, it helps the psalmist not sin against God, he wants God to teach him his statutes, he delights in the Word, he will meditate on it and delight in it so that he does not forget God's Word)

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Joshua 1:9

- How does this verse begin?

- Why shouldn't Joshua be frightened or dismayed? Why should the presence of God cause us to be strong and courageous?

On Sunday, we learned more about the context of this verse. Joshua was leading the people of Israel to Canaan, but there was still much that was unknown to him. The Lord assured him that he would be with him and there was no reason to fear.

By now we've learned a lot about Joshua's purpose and calling. God told him three times to be strong and courageous. Undoubtedly, Joshua was about to navigate into uncharted waters with the people of Israel under his leadership, so it is no surprise that he would have been uneasy or afraid.

- What is our calling as Christians? How can you discover God's purpose for you?

We also read a lot about the importance of God's Word. People all over the world react to God's Word in different ways. Some ignore it, but as Christians, we are to love God's Word.

- How can you store up God's Word in your heart?

As Christians, God's presence is with us in an incredible way. Not only is he omnipresent, but true believers have his Spirit within them. God is for us, and he will never abandon us no matter what comes our way.

- How has God's presence affected you in the past?

- What do you do when you don't feel God's presence?

God has given us purpose, his Word, and his presence. Spend some time praying together about how we can be strong and courageous and discipline ourselves to know and share God's Word. Thank him for always being with us and for us.