

Be Strong and of Good Courage

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Introduction

1. Joshua 1:6-9, 18
2. Three times the Lord told Joshua to be strong and very courageous.
3. Joshua needed encouragement for he faced leading the people, taking the Land, replacing Moses.
4. Joshua then encourages Israel to be strong and of good courage. Vs 18 they needed encouragement too. They had a new leader (which way would he take them) they were going into a new land, and they were facing people would resist them taking the land.
5. God gives reasons why Joshua should be strong and of Good courage, we today have those same reasons to be strong and very courageous.
6. What are those reasons to be strong and very courageous?

II Discussion

1. Because of the legacy (inheritance) 1:6
 - a. God had promised them a land that flowed with milk and honey.
 - i. The land promise. Genesis 12:1; 15:18; Joshua 21:43
 - ii. Flowed with milk and honey. Exodus 3:3,17; 13:5 Numbers 13:27; 14:8; Joshua 5:6
 - b. God has promised us a legacy too. Acts 20:32; 26:18; Col 1:12 1 Peter 1:4; John 14:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:8
 - c. Not all will receive this inheritance. Ephesians 5:5
2. Because of the obedience to the Law. 1:7
 - a. The blessings and the cursings were read to the people. Deuteronomy 11:27-32; 27:11-13 (Deuteronomy 27:14- chapter 28); Joshua 8:30-35
 - b. We are to obey God. Matthew 7:21; Acts 5:29; Romans 6:16; Hebrews 5:8-9; James 1:25; Revelation 22:14
3. Because God will not leave us. 1:9
 - a. Those who were strong for the Lord was with them OT
 - i. Caleb Joshua 14:12
 - ii. David 1 Samuel 17:32-37; Psalm 46:1
 - iii. Three Hebrew youth Daniel 3:8-30
 - b. Those who were strong for the Lord was with them NT
 - i. Peter and John Acts 4:13
 - ii. Stephen Acts 7:51-60
 - iii. Paul Acts 9:29; 1 Corinthians 11:1
 - c. God has promised us the same. Hebrews 13:5-6
 - d. Words of encouragement not to leave the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 4:13; James 4:7

III Conclusion

1. When we face the storms of life we are to be strong and of good courage.
2. Because of our legacy, our obedience and because of His promise not to leave us, we can be strong and of good courage.
3. Have you taken on the challenge to be strong and of good courage?

4. If you have but you have been weak and sinned publicly then come back,
5. Be strong and of good courage.

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