Be Strong and Courageous! Momentum: Getting on Track With God!

Joshua 1:1-9 January 8, 2023

<u>Joshua 1:9</u>, Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

<u>Daniel 10:19</u>, "Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong."

1. Embrace the New REALITY

Joshua 1:1, 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.

Question: What Is Your New Reality?

2. Claim God's Promises About Your FUTURE

Joshua 1:3, I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand 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.

Question: What Promise Do You Believe God Has Made to You?

<u>Deuteronomy 31:6</u>, Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

3. Don't Repeat Past MISTAKES

<u>Joshua 1:3</u>, I will give you every place where <u>you set</u> <u>your foot</u>, ... **6** Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land <u>I swore</u> <u>to their ancestors to give them</u>.

Question: What Mistake/s Hold You Back?

<u>Psalm 23:4</u>, Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

4. Personal Action Is REQUIRED

Joshua 1:7, "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 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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.

<u>Question: What Action Steps Can I Take</u> <u>to Grow My Faith?</u>

- Read God's Word Daily
- Surround Yourself With God's People
- Worship God Faithfully
- Serve God
- Pray More
- Practice Biblical Stewardship
- Prepare for Hard Conversations

5. Remember God's <u>COMMAND</u> to Be Strong and Courageous

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<u>1 Corinthians 16:13</u>, Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.