

Scripture: Joshua 1:6-9

Key Words: Strong – solid, robust, tough, powerful
Courage – brave, daring, valour,
Observe – adhere to, monitor, examine, see
Focused – concentrated, centered, dedicated, engaged
Success – triumph, achievement, accomplish, victory

Introduction:

- People and church today we need to stand up and be strong.
- The church needs remain faithful and strong in Jesus Christ.
- God is speaking to Joshua about what lays ahead both for him and for the people.
- We need to move from being wonders to be established firmly in the promise lands of God.

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Context or Background:

- Change of leadership – Moses to Joshua
- Change of location – wilderness to promise land
- Change of focus – from wonders to an army taking the promise land for God

Big Idea: Today we want to explore 5 things that are critical if we hope as a people and church to move from being wonders to being people who are established on His promises and promised land here on earth.

Outline:

I It's time to be strong Verse 6, 7, 9

- Strong defined – solid, robust, tough, powerful
- Time to stand up and prepare for battle
- To be strong we need to take a stand (Eph 6:10, 13)

II It's time to be courageous Verse 6, 7, 9

- Courage defined – brave, daring, valour,
- Needs to be rooted as an attitude of the heart
- Let the Spirit of the Empowerer rise up inside of you today
- He will not leave you or forsake you (Deut 31:6)

III It's time not to be afraid Verse 9

- Fear defined – worry, dread, anxiety, concern, panic
- Need to turn fear to faith, time to awaken out of our slumber
- Rise up, get prepared, and get ready for battle
- We walk by faith (2 Cor 5:7) be shielded by faith (Eph 6:16)

IV It's time not to be dismayed Verse 9

- Dismay defined – consternation, disappointments, shock, sadness, apprehension
- STOP looking back at the things of the pass – it's a new day – the Son of God is arising
- look forward, be a conqueror, for God has commanded and promised to be with YOU
- we are not to be overcome (Isa 41:10; John 16:33) but looking unto Jesus (Heb 12:2)

V It's time to be focused Verse 7, 8

- Observe defined – adhere to, monitor, examine, see
- Focused defined – concentrated, centered, dedicated, engaged

- Remember Joshua and the people where fulfilling God's plan
- the key is to stick to the Word of God (Pro 3:5-6)
 - stay focused and true to the Word
 - meditate and reflect on the Word
 - do not turn to the right or left but believe the Word can and will direct you
 - the Word will bring about success and victory (1 John 5:4-5)

Conclusion:

- Review the main key points.
- The key is to trust God in what every you do and wherever you go, because God has promised to be with us wherever go and whatever we do in Him (verse 9).
- God commanded these truths to Joshua and the people, because He wanted His promises to them, to be fulfilled in their lives (Verse 9).
- God commanded Joshua and now Joshua was going to command the people to rise up, prepare for battle for the Lord their God was about to go before them.
- Remember Jesus is commanding His church to rise up, take that which God has given to His people to take and to have.
- Remember He will give and fill you with His strength and courage and together with Him you can and will overcome.