

Deuteronomy 31: 6-8

Be Strong and Courageous! (See also [Joshua 1:9!](#))

At the time of this scripture, Moses was 120 years old, no longer able to lead the Children of Israel in their escape from Egypt and into the Promised Land. Instead, the Lord would cross the Jordan, destroy the nations there, and enable the Children of Israel to take possession of the land.

“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. Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, ‘Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.’ ”

This admonition applies equally to us in today’s uncertain world. Our enemies, both foreign and domestic, seem to be in complete control. But remember who is REALLY in control! Our God reminds us, **“Be strong and courageous. Do NOT be afraid! Do NOT be discouraged! The Lord will be with you!”**

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