

“The Jordan River Rules” by Robert J. Morgan

Chapter 2: Say No To Discouragement, Yes To Strength

Scripture: Joshua 1:6-9 – “Haven’t I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

A. Be Strong – 39 times is scripture

Scripture: Deut. 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous; don’t be terrified or afraid of them. For the Lord.....will go with you.”

Joshua 1:7 – “Above all, be strong and very courageous to observe carefully the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you.”

2 Samuel 10:12 – “Be strong! Let’s prove ourselves strong for our people and for the cities of our God. May the Lord’s will be done.”

Ezra 10:4 – “Be strong and take action!”

Psalm 27:14 – Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous.”

Action: Meditate on scripture to gain strength.

B. Do Not Be Afraid

Scripture: Joshua 1:6-9 – “Be strong and courageous...be strong and very courageous...Do not be afraid.”

Don’t let your fears be stronger than your faith.

Fear is the sin of forgetfulness of the omnipotence of the Lord Christ and His truth.

Action: Accept challenges as they come, but don’t magnify them.

C. Do Not Be Discouraged

Scripture: Joshua 1:9. – “Haven’t I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged.”

1 Samuel 17:32 – “Don’t let anyone be discouraged by him (Goliath), your servant will go and fight this Philistine!”

1 Thess. 5:14 – “...comfort the discouraged..”

Action: Resign to God, expect blessings, and press ahead.