

**JOSHUA:** *presence. courage. action*

Marching Orders—Joshua 1:1-9  
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Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

- **Joshua 1:6**

**I. A NEW MOSES, A NEW LAND, A PROMISED REST**

- Joshua outlines how Joshua became the new Moses (Deut. 31:7-8).
- Joshua outlines how God's great promise was fulfilled (Gen. 15:12-16; Deut. 34:4).
- Joshua outlines how God provides a temporary rest for his people (Josh. 1:13; Heb. 4:1-11).

**II. STRENGTH, COURAGE, OBEDIENCE**

- Five times God calls on Joshua to demonstrate strength and courage in his opening monologue (Josh. 1:6, 7, 9).
- Obedience to the Lord is "the meat of the sandwich" in the monologue (Josh. 1:7-8).
- Obedience includes turning neither to the left or right and knowing the word of God so that correct action may follow (Josh. 1:7-8; Matt. 7:13-14).
- Strength, courage, and obedience flow from being in the presence of God (Josh. 1:9; Ps. 23:4).

**III. I WILL BE WITH YOU**

- God will be with Joshua as he had been with Moses (Josh. 1:5, 9).
- When God is with you, nothing can stand in your way (Josh. 1:5; Ps. 27:1-2; Ps. 91; Acts 18:9-10).
- God does not leave us or forsake us (Josh. 1:5; Heb. 13:5-6).

**KNOW:** God is a faithful God. Where he leads, he provides, and he will be with us during the challenges of our lives.

**DO:** Lean into God.

**Recommended Reading:**

*The Presence of God*, by J. Ryan Lister and Thomas Schreiner  
*God Dwells Among Us*, by G.K. Beal and Mitchell Kim

**Questions/Discovery Points for  
Life Groups/Families**

1. What seems to be the main event that kicks off the story of Joshua? (see verse 1)
2. Why is that event so significant for the people of Israel and for Joshua himself?
3. What are God's promises to Joshua? Are they just for him, or for believers today as well?
4. God tells Joshua not to let "the book of the law" depart from his mouth. In what ways can we fulfill this command in our own lives today?
5. God promises to make Joshua's way "prosperous." Does that mean that if we obey God and practice courage, he will make us rich and healthy? Why or why not?
6. What are some takeaways for you from the message Sunday?