



Fear

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Scripture Text

Joshua 1

Connect

What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out? Why?

What instructions did your mom usually repeat at least 3 times as you went off on your own?

Have you ever felt alone with an overwhelming responsibility? What was it? How did it make you feel?

Engage

Read Joshua 1

What has just happened? What does this mean for Joshua?

What promises are given to Joshua (vv.3-5, 9)? Which ones ask him to look back and remember what God has done in the past? Which ones ask him to look ahead and believe God for future blessings?

What commands accompany the promises? Which ones would seem most terrifying to the one who had to fill Moses' shoes?

What is necessary for success and prosperity? What do you think God means here by "success"?

How would the instructions in vv. 6-8 help Joshua obey the command in v. 9? How do they help us now?

Charles H. Spurgeon said "Half our fears arise from neglect of the Bible." Do you think this is true? Why? How are you doing in your Bible reading now? Do you need to change anything?

What does Joshua then tell his officers (vv.10-11)? What exceptions does he give to the tribes who already possess their land (vv.12-15)?

In turn, what do they promise?

From their reassuring reply and from the Lord's promises, what do you infer from Joshua must be feeling?

Apply

Looking back on your life, make a list of the times when you have felt alone, overwhelmed or afraid and how God has rescued you.

Looking forward, what are some of the promises God has made to be with you? Pick a verse that encourages, comforts and gives you hope. Memorize it and recite it to the group next week.