



Living Courageously

(Joshua 1)

Main Idea

Courage is the victory of faith over fear!

Connect

What instructions did your parent(s) usually repeat several times when you became more independent?

Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principle from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain...

2. Joshua lived courageously because he rested in the presence and promises of God. Joshua could do this because he chose to live by faith and not fear the unknown (Jos. 1:1-7)

- What comes to mind when you hear the word “rest”?
- Read Matthew 11:28-30
- Rest means to have peace of mind; to take relief; to wait upon; freedom from activity
- Was there a time in your life when you allowed fear to conquer you and you were unable to rest? Physically? Spiritually?
 - What was the outcome?

3. Joshua lived courageously because he knew to take in and live out the commands of The LORD during his life (Jos. 1:8).

- Choose someone important in your life (spouse, best friend, boyfriend/girlfriend). How did you get to “know” this person?
- How many Scriptures do you know personally besides John 3:16? Do you have a favorite?
 - How do you spend time with Jesus? Intimate Quiet Time, personal Bible Study, Devotional? Explain how you get to know Him better.
 - If you don't have a plan to spend intimate time with Jesus, what is standing in your way? Can you make a plan right now?

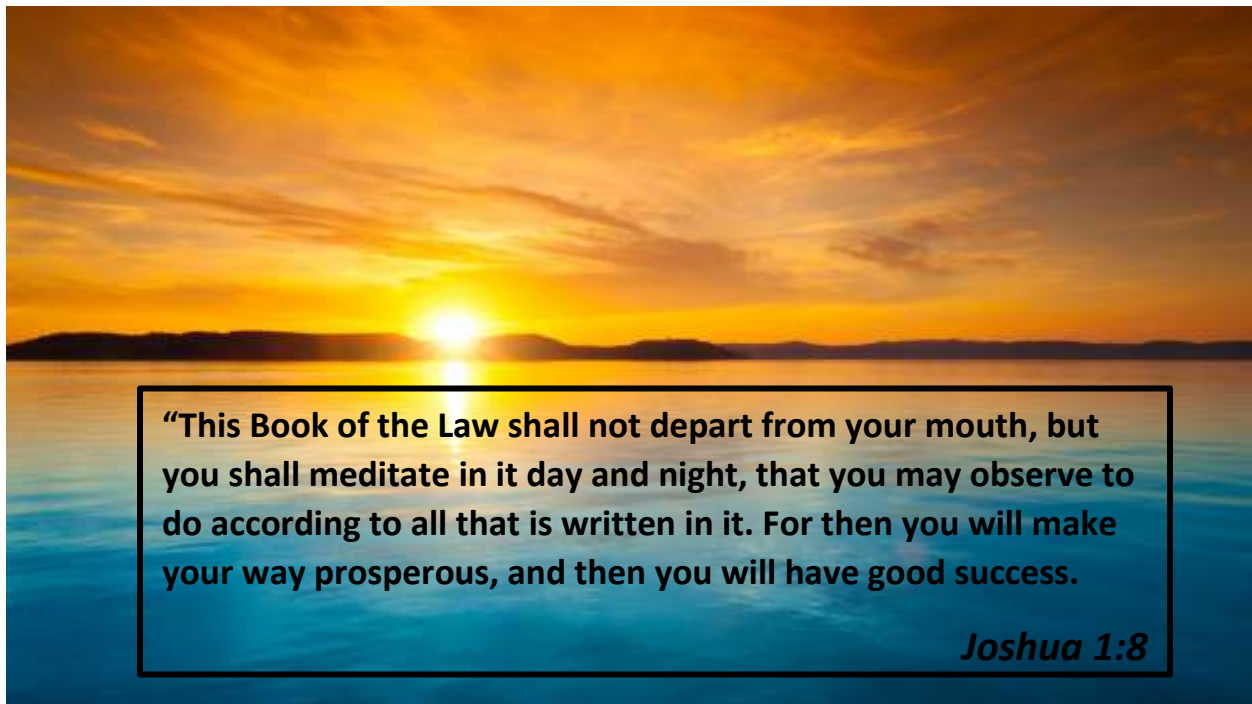
- Do you feel prepared to face life's challenges? Explain...
- Who encourages you on your journey of faith as you study God's Word? Who can you encourage?

4. Because Joshua lived courageously in the eyes of The LORD he was blessed in everything and everywhere (Jos.1:7-9)

- Biblically, **prosperity** means victorious or thriving and **successful** means insight of wisdom or proper training and teaching
- How are these terms different than how our culture views success and prosperity?
- According to God, how can you obtain prosperity and success?
 - What challenges lie ahead of you now?
 - How will you go about dealing with them?
 - Do you have any fears hindering you?

Live it Out

- Know, memorize and meditate on Joshua 1:8
- Share with someone this week what The LORD has taught you from this chapter



"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8