

PASSAGE

Read Joshua 1:1-9 together.

Summary:

In this passage, God commands Joshua to be strong and courageous. We need courage to be obedient to God and follow him. Yet, that courage does not come from within us. Our source of courage is God, his promises and his presence.

Discussion:

How does our world describe courage?

C.S. Lewis described courage this way:

“Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point, which means at the point of highest reality. A chastity or honesty or mercy which yields to danger will be chaste or honest or merciful only on conditions. Pilate was merciful till it became risky.” – C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

What do you think Lewis is trying to say? Do you agree/disagree?

If it takes courage to follow God when it costs us, in which areas of life are you needing courage?

What is the promise God gives to Joshua to back up, or give reason, for him to be courageous? See vs 9 - “I will be with you.”

What is the source of our courage? Read John 16:33

Our source of courage is Jesus and the hope of the Gospel.

It takes courage to be vulnerable with one another because we fear what others might think of us if they know the things we struggle with or our doubts. Let’s take some time to be courageous with one another, share about our current areas of weakness, and pray that we would have courage to follow God when it costs us.