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Just be strong and courageous

Joshua

1:7 Be strong, be bold, and be careful to walk in all the laws which my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from the left to the right so that wherever you go there you may go well.

When God is around, as long as we are firm and courageous, everything can be done. This belief can give strength and make people more courageous and persistent in the face of challenges and difficulties.

First, "God's presence" conveys a sense of faith and dependence. This refers to our connection with God, a connection that gives us the strength and courage to pursue our goals. This belief is not only trust in God, but also confidence in one's own abilities.

Second, as long as we are strong and courageous, we emphasize the importance of overcoming difficulties and challenges. It's not just physical strength, it's mental and mental firmness. This unwavering will can help us persevere in the face of difficulties and not give up easily.

Psalm 46, verse 10

"Rest ye, and know that I am God, and I will be exalted among the Gentiles, and exalted upon all the earth.  $\bot$ 

This passage emphasizes God's power and majesty and encourages people to be quiet, reassured, and to trust in God's power. This confidence and peace can help people not to be afraid, not to be afraid.

#### Isaiah 41:10

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand.

#### Isaiah 43:1

"And now, O Jacob, O LORD Israel who made thee, saith not: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed thee, and I called thee by thy name, and thou art mine.

#### Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you, be strong and courageous, and be not afraid, neither be afraid, for the LORD your God shall be with you wherever you go.  $\bot$ 

In these verses, God encourages people not to be afraid, because He is with them, supporting and protecting them. It is God's assurance of love and protection for people to be steadfast in the face of life's challenges and difficulties.

### Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous, and be not afraid, neither be dismayed because of them: for the LORD your God is with you, and he will not leave you nor forsake you.  $\bot$ 

#### **Psalm 23:4**

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for thou art with me, and thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

These verses emphasize that God is with us, so we don't need to be afraid or alarmed, and God's presence and protection will give us the strength and courage to face life's challenges. This phrase expresses that when we believe and are with God, God will give us the strength and courage to face the challenges and difficulties of life. This belief is based on trust in God and reliance on God's Word,

believing that God will guide us and that God will be with us no matter how great the difficulties we are experiencing.

Secondly, this quote also emphasizes the importance of firmness and bravery. In the Christian faith, steadfastness of faith and courage are important qualities in following Christ and living out the faith. This means that even in the face of adversity or challenges, Christians should trust God's promises, hold fast to the faith, and face them with courage and determination.

## We pray

Father God, please make us all feel your presence deeply in our daily lives. Please give us the unwavering faith that we can hold fast in our faith and rely on God's strength and promises no matter what adversity or challenge we face. May your love and grace be the guide to our lives and lead us on the path of justice, compassion, and love. Pray that Lord, give us wisdom to show love for God and others in our daily lives. May God's comfort and peace flow between us and allow us to be one another's support and encouragement. Pray that the Lord will preserve and strengthen our faith so that our lives will be testimonies of God's glory. May our faith be strengthened by God's presence, so that we can continue to hold on to hope and joy in the midst of difficulties. May Lord bless us and make our faith stronger. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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# Joshua chapter 1

- Jo. 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant:
- Jo. 1:2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them to the Israelites.
- Jo. 1:3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.
- Jo. 1:4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates all the Hittite country to the Great Sea on the west.
- Jo. 1:5 No-one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- Jo. 1:6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.
- Jo. 1:7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.
- Jo. 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so

that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Jo. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your

God will be with you wherever you go."

Jo. 1:10 So Joshua ordered the officers of the people:

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Jo. 1:11 "Go through the camp and tell the people, `Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own."

Jo. 1:12 But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of

Manasseh, Joshua said,

Jo. 1:13 "Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: `The LORD your God is giving you rest

and has granted you this land.'

Jo. 1:14 Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, fully armed, must cross over ahead of your brothers. You are to help your brothers

Jo. 1:15 until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you east of the Jordan towards the sunrise." Jo. 1:16 Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

Jo. 1:17 Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. Jo. 1:18 Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!"

Chapter 1 begins with the Lord speaking to Joshua, the new leader of the Israelites, after the death of Moses. The Lord tells Joshua to lead the people of Israel into the land that He has promised them and reassures him that He will be with him every step of the way. God also tells Joshua to be strong and courageous and to meditate on His laws day and night so that he may be successful in his endeavors. Joshua then prepares the people for their journey by instructing them to prepare provisions for the journey and to follow him into the land that God has promised.

He also sends out two spies to gather information about the land, particularly the city of Jericho. The spies are hidden by a prostitute named Rahab who tells them that the people of the land are afraid of the Israelites because they have heard of the great things that God has done for them. The chapter ends with Joshua giving orders to the people to prepare to cross the Jordan River and to follow the ark of the covenant, which represents the presence of God, as they go into the land that God has promised them.

Joshua chapter 1 contains several important verses in the Christian Bible. Here are a few examples:

- 1. "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them." (Joshua 1:6)
- 2. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)
- 3. "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." (Joshua 1:8)
- 4. "Remember the command that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you after he said, 'The Lord your God will give you rest by giving you this land.'" (Joshua 1:13)
- 5. "But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see." (Joshua 1:18)

  These verses contain important messages about leadership, courage, faith, obedience to God's commands, and the importance of God's presence in our lives

In Joshua chapter 1, we witness a significant moment in the history of the Israelites. Moses, their revered leader, has passed away, and now Joshua is appointed as his successor. The chapter opens with God speaking directly to Joshua, providing him with instructions and encouragement as he prepares to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land.

One of the key themes in this chapter is courage. God repeatedly tells Joshua to be strong and courageous, emphasizing that he should not be afraid or discouraged. This underscores the challenges that lie ahead for Joshua and the Israelites. They are about to face formidable enemies and conquer new territories, but God assures Joshua of His presence and promises to be with him wherever he goes. This reminder serves as a source of strength and motivation, assuring Joshua that he is not alone in this daunting task.

Another important aspect of Joshua's commissioning is the significance of obedience. God instructs Joshua to carefully follow the law that Moses had given and to meditate on it day and night. This emphasis on obedience underscores the importance of staying true to God's commandments and relying on His guidance. It reflects the idea that success and prosperity for the Israelites depend on their faithfulness and adherence to God's instructions.

Furthermore, Joshua's leadership style is characterized by unity and collaboration. In verse 12, he addresses the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, commending them for their commitment to accompany the rest of the Israelites in their conquest of the Promised Land. He encourages them to continue assisting their fellow Israelites until they also inherit their allotted territories. This shows Joshua's understanding of the importance of unity among the people, recognizing that their collective strength is vital for accomplishing their shared goals.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 1 teaches us several valuable lessons. It reminds us of the significance of courage, particularly in times of uncertainty and challenges. Like Joshua, we may face daunting situations that require us to step up and trust in God's guidance. The chapter also

highlights the importance of obedience to God's commands, reminding us that true success and prosperity come from aligning our lives with His will. Lastly, the emphasis on unity and collaboration serves as a reminder that we are often stronger when we work together towards a common purpose, supporting and assisting one another.

Overall, Joshua chapter 1 sets the stage for the events to come, laying the foundation for Joshua's leadership and providing important insights into the qualities required for successful endeavors..