

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: May 29 - May 30, 2021

Title: Home of the Free & Land of the Brave

Text: Joshua 1:6-9

Target: If it was easy to do what God was calling you to do everybody would be doing it, but what you have been called to do is not for the Elite, it is for those who have Endurance.

Review of Joshua 1:1-5:

- Know God's Pleasure for you (Vs. 1-2)
- Claim God's Promise for you (Vs. 3-4)
- Rest in God's Presence with you (Vs. 5)

Regarding Joshua 1:6-9:

1. Experience God's Power in you: (Vs. 6,7,9)

- Be Fearless:** "Be **strong** and **courageous**" (Vs. 6a)
- Stand Firm:** "Only be **strong** and **very courageous**" (Vs. 7a)
- Have Faith:** "Have I not commanded you? Be **strong** and **courageous**. Do not be **frightened**, and do not be **dismayed**, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Vs. 9)

Question #1: Last week, we discussed what it looks like to enter into new chapters faithfully. This week, we talk about how to have endurance in what God is calling us to. Ephesians 3:20 says that God "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think." 1 Corinthians 3:16 says that "God's Spirit dwells in you". How do you think that you can begin to experience God's power in you? Have you ever seen His power in you help you to be fearless, stand firm, and have faith as you've done what God has called you to do?

2. Submit to God's Purpose through you: "for **you** shall **cause** this people to **inherit** the land that I swore to their fathers to give them." (Vs. 6b)

- You will be the Instrument:** "you"
- You will be the inspiration:** "cause"
- You will be the Investment:** "inherit"

Question #2: Psalm 138:8 says, "The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me." In Matthew 5:26, Jesus says, "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." What does it look like to submit to God's purpose in our life? Have you ever seen God use you for His glory as you've submitted yourself to His purpose?

3. Treasure God's Principles for you: (Vs. 7-8a)

- a. **To be Prioritized:** "being careful to do all according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you." (Vs. 7a)
- b. **To NEVER be Compromised:** "Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left." (7b)
- c. **To be Vocalized:** "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth..." (Vs. 8a)
- d. **To be Memorized:** "You shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it." (8b)

Question #3: Read Psalm 119:9-16 together as a group. How do you see the Psalmist display the four above points in this passage? How can we begin to treasure the Word of God more? Is scripture memorization a discipline you practice regularly? Why or why not?

(See additional resources down below.)

4. Receive God's Prosperity over you: (Vs. 7b, 8b, 9b)

- a. **Walk in Wisdom:** "that you may have good success wherever you go." (7b)
- b. **Work will not be Wasted:** "For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (8b)
- c. **With you Wherever:** "Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (9b)

Question #4: 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." Not only does God call us to courage, but He gives us a spirit of power. We talked about this Spirit in the first question. God will prosper us in what He's called us to, but a lot of us either aren't sure what that is, or we're afraid of what He's calling us to. If you know what God is calling you to, what is it and how does this weekend's message help you as you step into that calling? If you don't know what that calling is, pray with your community group that God would reveal that to you. How can your group hold one another accountable in pursuing God's calling in your life?

Take Away: "Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you" - Bethany Hamilton.

Additional Resources for Scripture Memorization:

- [Fighter Verses App](#)
- [Verses App](#)