

# ONE MORE - Be Strong & Courageous

Message by Pastor Clay

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## Summary

This week we launch our ONE MORE campaign. Drawing from Joshua chapter 1, we see that God calls His people to step out in faith, just as Joshua was called to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land after Moses' death. In the message, three key principles are highlighted: be strong and courageous because of what you know (God's faithfulness), what you don't know (the details God hasn't revealed), and what you know to do (obey and step out in faith). In this campaign we aim for 100% participation from the congregation to reach people far from Christ, raise disciples, and redeem culture in Fergus Falls and Otter Tail County.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather together today to discuss Your calling on this church and our lives, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us. Help us to set aside our own fears, doubts, and preconceived notions so that we can clearly hear Your voice. Lord, we know that You are always faithful and that You go before us in every step we take. Give us the courage to be honest with one another and with You about where we are in our faith journey. We pray that through our time together, You would unite us in Your mission and help us to see how You want each of us to participate in what You are doing in our church and community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What's one thing you've had to step out in faith to do in your life, whether big or small, and how did it turn out?

## Key Verses

- Matthew 16:15
- Joshua 1:2-3, 5, 9
- Matthew 16:18
- Luke 19:10
- 1 John 4:10
- Psalm 127:1

## Questions

1. Pastor Clay mentioned that we have two options: shrink back in fear or step out in faith. What are some fears that might cause people to shrink back from God's calling?
2. Sometimes we live with our 'back to the past,' remembering the 'good old days' rather than being content with where we are. Why do you think it's important for the church to always be moving forward?
3. Joshua saw God's faithfulness to Moses firsthand, which gave him confidence. How have you seen God's faithfulness in your own life or in the life of your church?
4. God often calls us to action without filling in all the blanks. Can you think of a biblical example or personal experience where someone had to obey God without knowing all the details?
5. What does it mean to 'think mission, not church'? How might this perspective change the way we approach our faith and church involvement?
6. Pastor Clay asked, 'Who's your one more?' - the person God has placed on your heart to reach. How can we be more intentional about reaching people in our community?

## Life Application

This week, commit to praying daily using the prayer card mentioned in the message. Specifically pray for: 1) God to go before the church and keep Him first and center, 2) Ask God what He wants you to give financially to the One More campaign, and 3) Pray for your 'one more' - write down the name of someone God has placed on your heart to reach and pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them or invite them to church.

## Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You are building Your church and that the gates of hell will not overcome it. As we consider how You want us to participate in the ONE MORE campaign, help us to remember that You are faithful and that You go before us. Give us courage to step out in faith, even when we don't have all the answers. Help us to keep You first and center in everything we do. Show us clearly how You want us to invest in this mission - both financially and through reaching our one more. Unite us as a church body with one heart and one mission. May everything we do bring glory to Your name and advance Your kingdom in Fergus Falls and beyond. We trust You to provide all that we need according to Your riches in Christ Jesus. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.