



Be Strong and Courageous

Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua. 1:6-9)

Joshua needed this exhortation even after serving as Moses' right hand for 40 years. Three times in these four verses, God says "Be strong and courageous." Joshua needed this exhortation even after witnessing all the miraculous interventions of the Lord through those 40 years in the wilderness. So we need to understand that God wants us to walk with him through our challenges with the knowledge that He goes before us, walks with us and watches our backs. He has determined to work out the good things which He has deemed necessary "for who love Him, who are called according to his purpose."

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow not with fears
For Gladness breaks like morning where ere Your face appears
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.
Lead On, O King Eternal, Ernest Shurtleff (vs 3)