

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”
Joshua 1:9

Courage In The Face Of Fear

It has been said that courage is not the absence of fear but the ability to continue in spite of fear. The children of Israel suffered in Egyptian bondage for four hundred years with no freedom to refuse the commands of their cruel taskmasters. Suddenly, under the leadership of Moses they were thrust on a journey outside the realm of Egyptian bondage.

Pharaoh, upset that he had lost such a major workforce, sent his army to bring them back. The Israelites were struck with fear as the Egyptian chariots pursued them and the Red Sea appeared in front of them. In obedience to God, Moses stretched his rod out over the waters and they miraculously rolled back to form a wall on each side. The Israelites walked right through on dry land! As the last Hebrew foot left the dry bed of the Red Sea, Moses again held out his rod and the waters came crashing down, destroying the Egyptian army!

After many years of wandering in the wilderness Moses died. A young man by the name of Joshua was chosen of God to lead His people. **“As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee,”** was the promise that God gave Joshua (Gen. 1:5).

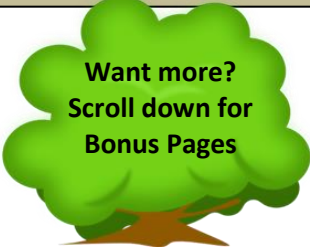
Soon Joshua faced the enemy city of Jericho. Massive stone walls surrounded the city. In obedience to God’s directions, the Israelites marched around the city every day for six days while their enemies gazed on in ridicule. On the seventh day God told them to march seven times around and then shout for victory. To everyone’s amazement, the mighty walls began to crumble and the Israelites conquered the enemy. God had certainly kept His promise to Joshua!

In this life we will face many obstacles and even feel fearful at times. But it is during these times that we need to join the Psalmist in saying, **“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee”** (Psalms 56:3). As God was with Moses and Joshua, He is certainly with us today!

Family Prayer: *Lord, fill me with Your strength and courage. I know that “greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world”! I can do all things through You! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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Cut out a cardboard shield. Have each family member write characteristics that make them feel strong and protected. You can also list people from the Bible and people you know now who reflect strength and courage.

Let's talk
Discuss a time when you had to be courageous. How did you feel during and after the situation? How has that incident changed your perspective for the future?

Pray for an awareness of others. Who do you know right now who is facing a fearful situation in their life? Can you offer them a word of encouragement or share your testimony of how God has seen you through a similar situation? There is strength in numbers. Let them know that you are available to help and that you are praying for them.



Additional Challenges

Let's examine Joshua 1 more closely:

Now after the _____ of _____ the _____ of the Lord it came to pass, that the _____ spake unto _____ the son of Nun, Moses' _____, saying,

What had the Lord started with Moses that needed to be completed by Joshua?

Every _____ that the _____ of your foot shall _____ upon, that have I _____ unto you, as I said unto _____.

There shall _____ any man be able to _____ before thee _____ the days of thy _____: as I _____ with Moses, so I _____ be with thee: I will _____ thee, _____ thee.

Joshua was to be _____ and _____ to observe the law?

Joshua was to do what in order to prosper?

What was the Lord's recipe for success?

Armed with the promises of God, how many days did Joshua give the people to prepare to possess the Promised Land?

_____ the word which Moses the _____ of the Lord _____ you, saying, The Lord your _____ hath given you _____, and hath given you this _____.

What was the people's response to Joshua?

According as we _____ unto Moses in all _____, so will we _____ unto thee: only the _____ thy _____ be with _____, as he was with _____.

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Psalm 28:7



GOD is *my shield*