

# Be Strong and Courageous, Really?

Joshua 1:1-11

A Series about Strength in Weakness.



### Four Reasons to be afraid

- 1. Moses had passed away.
- 2. Crossing the Jordan meant facing new enemies.
- 3. Crossing the Jordan meant doing things in new ways.
- 4. Success would be dependent on following God.



# What does God want us to be strong and courageous about?

- 1. Not about fighting giants.
- 2. Not about climbing Mt. Everests.
- 3. Not about being all that we can be?
- 4. It is about us living God's way....



#### See Verse 7-8

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or the left, that you maybe successful wherever you go.

Keep this book of the law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you be careful to do everything written in it.

Then you will be prosperous and successful.



Success and Prosperity is a combination of two things:

1. God with us.

2. Us with God.



#### What can we learn?

If we believe
God's promises
we will live God's
ways.

"Believing God is not simply about believing in the person of God it is believing that God's way for life is the best way to live life."



#### What can we learn?

2. God's Law becomes our new vision.

"At the very heart of a Christian's life is a new vision for what life is about."



#### What can we learn?

3. Jesus is our "law book."

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (Matthew 5:17)



## 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. (9)