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SCHOOL YEAR CHALLENGE

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In just a couple of days I will start my freshmen year of college. Since I am an over preparer, I started preparing for college a few months ago. Looking into the best options for classes, getting notebooks, restocking on index cards, pens, folders, and a lot more. While I was preparing for a new chapter in my life, I realized that I am no longer going to be in high school. I'm going to be a college student. The more I thought about it, the more it scared me. Starting to learn how to "adult" and realizing that, here before long, I'm going to have to make major decisions. I am already starting to make major decisions about my life, and that scares me.

Starting college means there will be some hard choices, and some things that I am taught that go against my beliefs. There will be people there that are not the best, and maybe even some teachers that are not the best. They might try to question my beliefs or try to get me to do things I know is wrong.

One morning I was in the church cleaning and I realized that I was terrified. I had fears of failing, new people, and maybe even that I would start to question what I've been taught my whole life. Because college professors and piers will try to make you do that. Then, as I began to get a little overwhelmed, I saw a verse in one of the class rooms.

"Only be thou strong and very courageous..." Joshua 1:7a. So, I went home and read the first chapter of Joshua. While reading this I noticed that Joshua was starting a new chapter in his life too.

As I was reading, two verses really stuck out to me. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt have good success. Have I not 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 1:8-9

In this new chapter of Joshua's life, God told Joshua to meditate on His word, to be strong, have courage, have no fear, and know that God is always with him. I know starting school back is scary (trust me I'm a little scared too), but always know that God is with you. You might have to say no to some things and maybe stand up for what you believe in. But you will never be alone because God will be right there with you.

I challenge you, as we start this new school year, to memorize verses that will help you at school. When those choices and hard times come, remember those words. Don't be afraid to say no to people, or of failing a test. Know that if you are trying your hardest and doing what the word of God says, then you have done your very best.

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I love you all,

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