



*This is my command—be strong and courageous!  
Do not be afraid or discouraged.  
For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

*Joshua 1:9*



**Get to Know You:** Are you a risk-taker or a play-it-safer? What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?

1. **Read Numbers 27:12-23.** In this passage, we see the call and commissioning of Joshua to lead God's people into the Promised Land. Consider Numbers 20:1-13. Moses lost this privilege, and yet God was merciful in allowing Moses to view God's promise and have part in the fulfillment (by commissioning Joshua). What caused Moses to miss out? What impact do you think this would have had on Joshua that would help prepare him to be a good leader? What lessons can we learn from this account?
2. **Leadership is challenging.** While we may not all be called into a high-level position of leadership, we all can have significant *influence* in the lives of people around us—both for the better or the worse. Who has been a significant influence in your life? How were they influential? Who are some people that you have potential to influence (friends, partner, kids, co-worker, parents, etc.)? What are some ways you can ensure that you are being a positive spiritual influence rather than a negative one?

3. **Read Joshua 1:10-18.** After being encouraged by the Lord, we see Joshua stepping up into his new leadership role. What do you notice about his approach? What do you notice about the response of the people? Sometimes when there is a change in leadership, people struggle to make the adjustment. Here, however, we see a ready and respectful response. How might the response of the people help Joshua to be confident in his ability to do the big task set before him? How can you be an encouragement to leaders in your life this week?
  
4. **Read Joshua 3:1-6.** As Joshua prepares to Make a Move, what do you notice about his instructions? We see here that the people didn't know where they were going because they had "never travelled this way before". How can having a trusted spiritual guide help ensure that we keep to the right path? What reason is given for the need for spiritual purification before Making a Move? What practical takeaways can help prepare you the next time you face uncertainty in your spiritual direction?
  
5. **Read Joshua 3:7-17.** What was God's personal message to Joshua? If you were the priests and your leader told you to go first and "get your feet wet", how do you think you might respond? If the priests had rebelled, what impact would this have had on the people's response? Thankfully, everyone trusted and followed God and the leadership He had put in place. What was the immediate and long-term results? What can we learn from this for our own life?
  
6. **Read Joshua 4:1-8.** What are some things you notice about the significant of this event? What are some ways you can remember key points in your own journey with God? Do you have any "memorials" that help you share personal miraculous moments with others who might ask?

**PRAY:** Pray for the leaders God has placed in your life to "be strong and courageous" as they faithfully fulfil God's call on their life.

