


## Actions for God

 MEMORY VERSE: “Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

### DAY 1 JOSHUA 1:1-5 — God Places Joshua in Charge

1. What task does God give to Joshua? v. 2 How might Joshua have felt about this task?
  
2. What promises did God make to Joshua as he began to lead? vv. 3, 5
  
3. Joshua’s new job consisted of leading 1-2 million people into a strange new land and conquering it. Scripture tells us that Joshua was Moses’ constant companion. How do you think Joshua’s faithful service to Moses helped prepare him for what God called Him to do?

### DAY 2 JOSHUA 1:6-9— God Tells Joshua to Be Strong and Courageous

4. Read verses 6-8. From verse 8, what are God’s commands and God’s promises to those that follow His commands?
  
5. How do you think God defines being prosperous and successful? How do you think reading, studying, memorizing and talking about God’s Word will bring you success?

6. Read verse 9. It's not easy to follow God's commands and keep His Law, it requires courage. Can you think of an example or area in your life where you need to be strong and courageous to follow Him?

### DAY 3 JOSHUA 1:10-18 — Joshua Organizes the Advance

7. Read verses 10-11. What was Joshua's first order of business? How long did he wait to begin the mission? Why was it important to get started right away?
8. Previously the tribes of Reuben and Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh had arranged with Moses to make the land on the east side of the Promised Land their home. To receive this land, they had to help the other tribes enter and conquer the Promised Land. How do they respond to Joshua and his leadership? vv. 16-18
9. Do you think it was helpful for Joshua to be reminded to be "strong and courageous" by these men when he had already heard that from the Lord? Why?

### DAY 4 JOSHUA 2:1-25 — Spies Meet Rahab

10. Read verses 1-6. Why did Joshua send out the 2 spies? What did Rahab do with the spies?
11. Read verses 9-11. What can we learn about Rahab from this statement? What do we learn about God from this statement?
12. Read verses 12-19. What did she ask the men to do for her because she helped them? How would Joshua's army know which house was Rahab's?

13. Read verses 23-24. This spy mission helped encourage the faith of the spies and the whole nation. How does seeing God working in your life and others encourage you?

14. Thinking over this whole event, what do you think would have happened if all the people of Jericho had been like Rahab and combined what they knew of God with faith? Why?

## DAY 5 JOSHUA 1-2 — Wrap Up

15. How does God's promises in Chapter 1, verses 5 and 9 encourage you as you: face sin? temptations? difficult people? difficult situations?

16. God lists Rahab among the heroes of faith. (Hebrews 11:31) How does the fact that God used a prostitute to fulfill His plan encourage you? What does it tell you about His heart for all people?

### TAKE AWAY

God encourages Joshua to be strong and courageous directly and through others 5 different times- Do you feel that same encouragement? How can you be strong and courageous this week?

### BLESSING

Joshua and Rahab had a part in God's plan. Each believed God and served Him where He called them. We too can take part in God's plan. May we serve Him faithfully, glorifying Him in whatever we do.

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God gave Joshua a mission to accomplish. His mission was to help the people possess the Promised Land, which had been promised to Abraham hundreds of years before. Joshua was to be strong and courageous. God repeats the command to be courageous to Joshua three times in Chapter 1.

Courage is an attitude, a decision. It is a decision to keep pressing on even in the face of danger and doubt. God would give him victory, but Joshua had to boldly lead the people into the land and into battle. He had to boldly and with faith obey what God had commanded him to do. We must also be strong and courageous and with faith

obey God's commands.

In chapter 2, Joshua sends spies into the land in preparation for the invasion. The spies are nearly discovered, but they find refuge with Rahab, a prostitute. Because she saves their lives, the spies reciprocate by agreeing to spare her and her family when Israel invades the city. The spies return to Joshua and share that "The LORD has given all the whole land."

The power of this event is that God would use someone like Rahab. He can use anyone. He can redeem anyone. Rahab's story gives hope to every sinner that they too can be redeemed and fit into God's plan.

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