

## Finding Strength for the Journey

### Joshua 1

Too many Christians have a commitment of convenience. They'll stay faithful as long as it's safe and doesn't involve risk, rejection, or criticism. Instead of standing alone in the face of challenge or temptation, they check to see which way their friends are going.

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### The end of an era (Deut 34:5 – Joshua 1:2)

God's promises do not die with an untimely death.

God's promises do not end with a fallen leader.

It's a call to humility

We think the work can't continue without the leader we've known; God looks at the crowd and says, "Next!"

### The call to courage (1:3-9)<sup>1</sup>

Courage is not the absence of fear; it is continued resolve in the face of fear.

It's anchored in a clear assignment from God.

It's anchored in an acute awareness of God's presence.

It's anchored in focused determination to follow God.  
(Eph 2:8-10)

It's anchored in the word of God.

Joshua's success was grounded in the word

- The word shall not depart from your mouth – proclaim it
- You shall meditate on it day and night – possess it
- Be careful to do all it says – obey it

*Then YOU will make your way prosperous and have success.*

<sup>1</sup> Major points made from Crawford Loritts -

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-call-to-courage#full-video>