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- ★ **Have you ever been afraid?**
- ★ **What are you doing with your fear? What's it doing to you?**
 - ★ **Joshua has been in battle, through the wilderness, and has developed a strong desire to follow and worship God...**
 - ★ **What could keep him from obeying God and entering the land?**

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Joshua 1:6-9 (English Standard Version)

⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

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- ★ Joshua is submitted to the Lord & can hear His voice. Are you? How's your communication with God?
- ★ Why is he told to be strong & courageous?

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- ★ 1. He's been into the land, seen the giants & the walled cities & the armies & the numbers of people
- ★ 2. He's been with these people, seen their rebellion & heard their complaining

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- ★ **Be Strong = Hold on; be stubbornly strong, be a man**
- ★ **Courageous = Physically & mentally alert; fortified in your mind**
 - ★ **How can we be strong & courageous?**
 - ★ **Vs 5 – Because we are walking & living with God**
 - ★ **Vs 6 – Because we are walking & living in God's promises**

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★ “Be careful to obey, meditate on the written law”

★ Some promises from God are unconditional; other are conditional

★ This one is conditional

★ Why?

★ God has never desired conformation to His principles & precepts

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- ★ **Because by knowing & obeying the Law, I**
 - ★ **1. Show that I know the Law Giver**
 - ★ **2. Show that I love the Law Incarnate**
 - ★ **3. Conform to the Person behind the Law**
- ★ **If there's some "secret" to Christian living**
 - ~ **it's staring us here in the face!**
 - ★ **I am with you & won't fail**

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- ★ 1. Be strong & courageous
- ★ 2. Know & obey
- ★ 3. I've commanded you (v. 9)

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- ★ **Is God's command enough for you?**
- ★ **We want the how, but God usually gives us directions while we obey**

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★ WHO WILL LEAD?

- ★ Who will be strong & courageous?
- ★ Will you believe & obey & lead others when they can't or won't?

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- ★ Joshua is to lead them across the river & to take the land
- ★ V. 9 – Terrified = Scared to the point of trembling
 - ★ Dismayed = broken
- ★ Joshua is to lead a trembling, broken people into the land to do the impossible

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- ★ **Is fear stopping you?**
- ★ **Are you in love with the Law Giver & pursuing conforming to His image?**
- ★ **What have you been commanded to do that you're not doing?**
- ★ **Will you lead others?**
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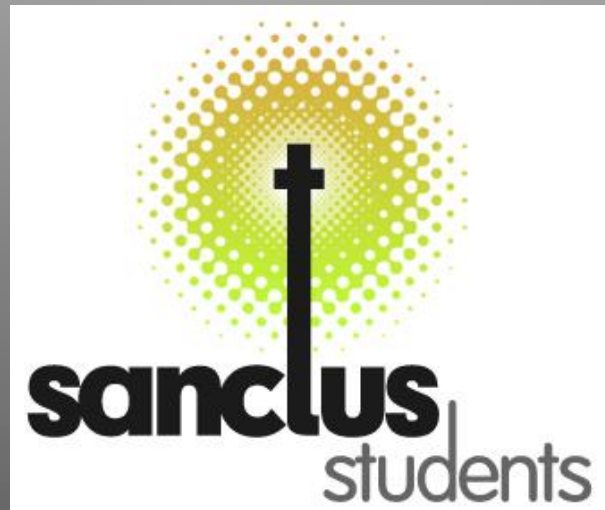
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