



## SEPTEMBER THEME



*Courage*

### Week One

#### Monday ~ **READ**

READ Joshua 1:6-9 in several translations and paraphrases. Pick one as your preference this week.

\*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

#### Tuesday ~ **COPY**

COPY Joshua 1:6-9 in your preferred translation or paraphrase. Once you have copied, go back and underline each time it says *“be strong and courageous”* (or a paraphrase of that).

#### Wednesday ~ **PONDER**

PONDER Joshua 1:6-9 using the following prompts:

\*Before you begin pondering the verses, define these verb phrases: *“be strong”* and *“be courageous”*

- Joshua 1:6-9 – Considering the context of what is taking place in Joshua’s life, for what reasons did Joshua need to *“be strong and courageous”*... and what things would come to your mind first as being the most helpful to give him that strength and courage for the battle ahead? Journal your thoughts.
- Personally – Considering the context of what is taking place in your life, for what reasons do you need to *“be strong and courageous”*... and what things come to mind first that would be most helpful to give you that strength and courage for what lies ahead in your life? Journal your thoughts.
- Joshua 1:6-9 - How many times did God command Joshua to, *“be strong and courageous”* in these verses? Consider this repeated command to Joshua amidst the other instructions God also spoke to him in verses 7-8. It is interesting that God didn’t give Joshua 5 steps for obtaining courage, He didn’t train him in specific battle tactics, and He didn’t give him weapons to ready him for war. We might think these things would have best developed strength and courage in Joshua for the battle ahead, but instead, amidst God’s repeated message of *“be strong and courageous;”* God told Joshua what to do with His Word. Write out His instructions and consider the power of God’s Word for courage. Journal your thoughts.
- Joshua 1:9 – What additional encouragement did God give Joshua in verse 9?
- Joshua 1:6-9 – Considering these things you have pondered, how do you believe God would have you to best develop strength and courage in your own life? Journal your thoughts.

#### Thursday ~ **PRAY**

PRAY Use the prompts below to pray into what we have seen in Joshua 1:6-9:

- PRAISE God for His Strength and for His Courage.
- THANK GOD for sharing real life stories in His Word of people just like us who need strength and courage.
- EXPRESS your own need for strength and courage in this season in your life.
- DECLARE that you will *“not turn aside”* from God’s Word, that you will *“meditate on it day and night,”* and *“do all that you find in it.”* Declare that *“success will come from the Lord”* as you follow His way.
- THANK GOD for His promise to *“be with you wherever you go.”*

\*\*\* Now go back and pray into this these Truths from Joshua 1:6-9 for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan.

#### Friday ~ **LISTEN**

LISTEN to a message on Joshua 1:6-9 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry.*

\*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

#### Saturday ~ **SHARE**

SHARE the encouragement of Joshua 1:6-9 with a friend.