

Be Strong and Courageous!

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Joshua was handpicked by God to lead the Israelites into the promised land. God had a plan to make Joshua's "way prosperous" and to give him "good success" (Joshua 1:8). But God made Joshua's prosperity and success as a leader and as a man hinge on these conditions: "Only be strong and very courageous" (Joshua 1:7).

What comes to mind when you think of strength and courage? Are they the property only of a few superior physical specimens? Do they belong to people with a certain personality type? Are they genetic? Are they developed only through harrowing experiences?

Let God answer: "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. 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 all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 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" (Joshua 1:7-9).

Note from this text...

- God defines strength and courage as being careful to do all the law.
- Doing all the law means not turning from it to the right hand or to the left.

- Knowing the law well enough to avoid turning from it requires keeping it in your mouth, meditating on it day and night. The Hebrew word translated "meditate" literally means to "mutter." Thus, you read what God says, then you repeat it to yourself again and again.
- Knowing that the LORD is present wherever you go strengthens your resolve to be obedient to Him in every situation.

Joshua's job was not the only one that requires strength and courage. God's way is the way to prosperity and success as a student, a teacher, an athlete, an elder, a preacher, a deacon, a mother, a father, an employer, an employee, a friend, a Christian, and any other honorable role in which you find yourself. Your real prosperity and success depend on strength and courage. God gives you the same keys to strength and courage that He gave Joshua.

Are you strong and courageous enough to do what God's Word says to do in the role you fill? Are you determined to do exactly what He says to do without variation, no matter the challenge? Are you meditating on God's Word continually so that you will understand just what you should be doing? Do you trust God to "have your back" at every turn?

You can do it, Christian. Be strong and courageous!

Danny Boggs



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Larry McMahan, Cheryl Neilans, Lyn Pendergraft, Dale Privett, Edith Toney, Miles Wolgammott.

- Karen Honeycutt had knee replacement surgery Monday and is doing well.
- Vern Foster is the father of Linda Roark. He is 103 and experiencing some health setbacks and is concerned about losing his independence. Keep him and the family in prayer.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a family in Oswego who had significant damage from the last strong storm that hit that area. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



The elders would like to have your recommendations for men you believe are qualified and would make good **deacons**. There are forms on the welcome desk. Please fill them out, sign them, and give them to an elder by this Sunday. If you are not able to attend services at this time, you may contact an elder or send your recommendations to the church addressed to the elders.

Visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our **services** when you can't be with us in person.

Please sign the **birthday card** on the welcome desk for a boy at Fair Haven.



This Sunday's Sermons:

- AM: Danny Boggs
- PM: Caleb Boggs

July **services** will continue with the current plan. The elders suggest that we continue to keep a social distance. They encourage people to stay home if you are sick and listen online. Feel free to wear a face mask. There will also be a song after the closing prayer at each service to allow those who do not want to mingle an opportunity to leave before everyone is dismissed.

The **Summer Youth Series** is tonight at the Reiboldts'. Boys bring drinks and girls bring desserts. Next week, it will be at the Kings'. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts and everyone bring a \$5 gift for a Christmas in July gift exchange.

HYG Trips 2020

- August 29: Show-Me Youth Conference
- September 18-20: MOVE Conference in OKC
- October 9-11: GVBC Week 2 Weekend
- November 20-21: Deeper Youth Conference

We welcome the Sojourners who are helping at **Neosho Christian School**. The school is making some needed repairs to further provide for the safety of the students. If you have time to help or would like to help them financially, call the school or Lowell McInturff.

Bryant David Marks, son of Chandler and Chelsey was born July 14, weighing 7.69 lbs. and measuring 19.5 inches. Lou Ann Cook is the great-grandmother. You can leave a gift for him on the table in the foyer by July 29. Their registry is at <https://www.babylist.com/Marks-babyboy>.

There are still several names of our local **law enforcement officers** who have not been selected from the bulletin board. Please select 2 or 3 names to send an encouraging card or note. Sign them but do not seal them. Leave them in the box in the office by Sunday. This is a good opportunity to boost morale and show appreciation for those who serve our community.

The annual **Green Valley Bible Camp** golf tournament fundraiser will be August 8. Visit the camp Facebook page or www.flagstone.church/gvbcgolf for more information.

Thank you for the prayers, calls and cards that I have received. I appreciate the support from the family at Hillcrest.

Edith Toney

PRAYER LEADERS	
Sunday, July 26	Wednesday, July 29
•AM Opening: Jason Bryan	Opening: Jim Friend
•Communion Prayers: Kaden King	Closing: Tony Flint
•AM Closing: Ethan Murray	
•PM Opening: Charles Phillips	
•PM Closing: Kaed Thomas	

RECORDS	7-19-20	7-21-19
Bible Study	118	164
AM Worship	169	189
PM Worship	130	VBS
Wednesday	125	133
Contribution	\$9,328.32	\$7,349.37
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37