



Strong and Courageous
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session. Give priority
to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will
foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

“The land yet taken” = (includes)

- unclaimed promises,
- unrealized potential
- unfulfilled vision

[Joshua 14:10-12]

And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. And yet, I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day.

[Joshua 1:6-7]

Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous.

[Joshua 1:9]

This is my command, be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

[Joshua 1:18]

May the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses.... “only be strong and courageous!”

[Joshua 10:25]

Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous.

Common features of churches calling themselves “apostolic”

ἀπόστολος (apóstolos) = One who is sent out

strong emphasis on:

- church planting
- leadership development
- strong teaching / training culture
- global missions mindset
- belief in spiritual gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit

[Joshua 3:10]

Today you will know that the living God is among you. He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites ahead of you.

[Numbers 33:55]

But if you fail to drive out the people who live in the land, those who remain will be like splinters in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will harass you in the land where you live.

[Acts 13:22]

David, a man about whom God said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.

[Joshua 1:8-9]

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to obey everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful in everything you do. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

How to drive out your enemies and “take the land”

Key Points:

- 1. Study the Word diligently***
- 2. Speak the Word continually***
- 3. Obey everything that God reveals to you***

Applications for the Week:

Victory requires studying, speaking, and obeying the Word. Which of these three disciplines—studying diligently, speaking continually, or obeying completely—do you find most difficult to maintain, and what is one practical step you can take to strengthen it this week?

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** In Joshua 14, Caleb recalls a promise made forty-five years earlier. How does he describe his physical and spiritual condition at age 85, and what specific request does he make regarding his inheritance?
- 2.** According to Joshua 1, God commands Joshua to be "strong and courageous" multiple times. What specific instructions are given regarding the "Book of the Law" to ensure prosperity and success in taking the land?
- 3.** In the sermon Pastor Dave lists various enemies that occupied the land, specifically highlighting the Jebusites. How are these enemies described, and what warning is given in Numbers about what happens if they are allowed to remain in the land?
- 4.** Courage is defined in the message not merely as a lack of fear, but as "determination plus perseverance." Why is this combination of steady endurance and showing up repeatedly necessary to outlast entrenched spiritual opposition?
- 5.** The Jebusites represent stubborn, controlling enemies that refuse to leave, often mocking the believer's attempt to get free. Why is "partial obedience" or simply managing these enemies insufficient for true spiritual victory?
- 6.** "New ground" is not just physical land; it can be restored relationships, sobriety, a new business, or unfulfilled vision. What is one specific area of "unclaimed real estate" in your life that you feel God is calling you to possess in this season?
- 7.** Caleb refused to retire from God's purpose even at age 85. Have you ever felt the temptation to think you have "seen it and done it" or that your most impactful days are behind you? How does Caleb's example challenge you to look for the next mountain?