



Sermon Discussion Guide¹ *Josh 1:1-9* | Tom Groelsema

“A Call to Courage”
Sunday Morning, January 7th, 2024

Big Idea: God’s promises, presence, and Word give us courage.

1. **transition:** When is the last time you experienced a big transition? How did that go? Why do we need courage in transitions?
2. **courage & Christianity:** Is courage often associated with biblical Christianity? Why or why not?
3. **example:** When you think about a Christian example of courage, who comes to mind?
4. **courage & fear:** Israel had many reasons to fear.² What current situations cause you to fear? What does applying courage to these situations look like?
5. **courage & sadness:** How do we put on courage in the midst of sadness?
6. **promise:** “God’s promises are reliable because God is reliable.” Is there a certain promise from Scripture that regularly comes to mind?
7. **gospel:** How does the gospel give us courage?

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² new leader (Joshua), new land (with giants), a flooding river to cross.

General Outline

- I. Intro
 - a. Joshua is a *bridge book*.
 - b. “Be strong and courageous.”
- II. Body
 - a. Leadership transition: Moses to Joshua
 - b. Location transition: Moab to Promise Land
 - c. 3 sources of courage
 - i. Promises (v. 3,6)
 - ii. Presence (v. 5,9)
 - iii. Word (v. 7-8)

potential questions for kids

- God told Joshua to “be strong and very _[?]_.”
- What is courage? Are you ever afraid of anything?
- How does God help us to be courageous when we are afraid?