

Introduction- In the opening chapter of the book of Joshua God encourages Joshua 3 times to be “...strong and courageous,” even while promising victory.

I. Joshua’s Need For Courage & Strength

- Joshua eventually learned why he needed strength and courage despite the guarantee of victory from God.

1. Leadership _____ . Vs 5-6

- God promised Moses victory also but he spent 40 years in the desert.

2. The People _____ . Vs 7-8

- Only a morally strong leader could maintain faith in the face of such national pride.

3. The journey _____ . Vs 9

- During the long journey it would be easy to forget the promise of victory.

II. Our Need for Strength & Courage

- The people did not succeed fully because they disobeyed God

- We've been given a promise of victory:

Acts 2:38 _____

Matt. 10:22 _____

John 6:40 _____

- Despite our promise of victory, we also need to be strong & courageous because...

1. Being leaders for Christ _____

2. We are _____

- Even with the "promise" we are often filled with doubt, temptation & failure.

3. The _____ is _____.

- The Christian road has many turns

Summary/Invitation

- If you've been given the "sure thing"

- Remember, the race does not belong to the swift or powerful but to those who are

Do you need help for the journey? _____