

Called to Be God's Leader

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

Missing today are people of courage and commitment.

Courage begins by trusting God in faith, responding to His promises that He will provide and moving forward with Him.

Courage begins in our hearts. (The heart is the spiritual center of our being) (It's our soul) Courage begins with what we allow God to do in our hearts.

How do we enter into new horizons of life with courage?

First, God puts courage into our hearts when we: Respond to God's Call.

God does not take second place in anyone's life, God does not receive glory by making our plans succeed, but by accomplishing His will.

Even with all the noise and deception of this world, God's Kingdom is moving forward according to His plan.

God has a plan for each and every one of us. He will show us how we "fit in" to His plan. God doesn't want our second-best commitment, He wants our whole heart.

God calls us to serve Him. There is no question; this is the most important call we will ever receive. It's not a question of whether or not His call is important enough or not, it's a question of whether we are receptive or not. Ref: Deut. 34:9

We don't get leadership positions because of our merit, our potential, our skill set, or even our gifts. The Bible clearly shows us that leaders rise or fall with God's direction.

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Now, therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all these people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Joshua 1:2 ESV

Our second step towards courage comes when we

Respond to God's Promises. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34

We certainly can't control our future. So how do we approach our future with courage? It begins by responding to God's promises to us. Ref: Joshua 1:9

When God raises us up for a specific task in leadership, He gives us promises we can count on. They are found in the Scriptures. God's Word gives us hope and comfort through the promises that we find there. The key, of course, is to respond to God's promises in faith.

We can trust His promise over our lives. He will be with us when He has given us a task to fulfill.

Our task with a promise has been given: Matthew 28:19-20

Most Christians would readily claim to believe God provides. Not many are willing to live out that trust in God's provision.

Our courage deepens as we trust God to provide by responding in faith to his promises.