



JOSHUA

The background of the image is a wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling, arid hills with a reddish-brown hue. A thin, light-colored road or path winds through the valley between the hills. The middle ground shows more distant, hazy hills and a flat desert floor. The sky is a pale, uniform grey, suggesting an overcast or misty day. The overall atmosphere is one of vastness and solitude.

Be Strong and Courageous

JOSHUA 1:1-18

Joshua 1:1-4 ESV

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to **Joshua** the son of Nun, Moses' assistant,
² “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into **the land** that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun **shall be your territory.**”



Abrahamic Covenant: Land Seed Blessing

Genesis 12:1-3, 6b, 7a ESV

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the **land** that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a **great nation**, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a **blessing**. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”... ⁶ At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.”

See also Gen. 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:7-8; 22:16-18; 26:3-5; 28:13; 35:12



Abrahamic Covenant: Land Seed Blessing

Galatians 3:8-9 ESV

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham**, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Joshua 1:5-9 ESV

“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶ **Be strong and courageous,** for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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 to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ 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.”

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Courage is not the absence of fear,
but the judgement that something else
is more important than fear.

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A misty, mountainous landscape with a winding road in the foreground. The scene is hazy, with soft light filtering through the fog, creating a serene and somewhat somber atmosphere. The mountains are layered, with the closest ones showing more detail and the further ones fading into the mist. A thin, light-colored road winds through the valley floor, leading the eye into the distance.

“Be strong and
courageous”

Believe God’s Promises

Joshua 1:6 ESV

“Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to **inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give** them.”



“Be strong and
courageous”

Believe God's Promises

See God's Presence

Joshua 1:5, 9 ESV

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“**Be strong and
courageous**”

Believe God's Promises

See God's Presence

Obey God's Word

Joshua 1:7-8 ESV

“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. ⁸ 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 to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”



Joshua 1:8 ESV

“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 to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”



Hear  Do



Hear

Do

Meditate

Joshua 1:8
Romans 12:1-2



2 Timothy 3:14-17 NIV

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training** in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Culture's definition of success:
getting what you want

God's definition of success:
joining what God is doing

Joshua 1:7b-8 ESV

“...that you **may have good success** wherever you go. ⁸ 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 to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you **will have good success.**”

A misty, mountainous landscape with a winding road in the foreground. The scene is hazy, with soft light filtering through the fog or mist. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The road is a thin, light-colored line that curves through the valley. The overall tone is serene and atmospheric.

Joshua 1:10-11 ESV

And Joshua commanded the officers of the people,
¹¹ “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to **take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.**’”



Successfully participating with God

**Believing God's Promises
Seeing God's Presence
Obeying God's Word**

Discussion Questions

1. What is God calling you to that requires courage? What promises can you lean on as you pursue that calling?
2. How does focusing on God's definition of success instead of our culture's definition of success free you to step into what God is calling you to?