



BACKGROUND - Big picture flowing from events recorded in the Pentateuch

- Pentateuch
- God's covenant with Abraham

CONTEXT – The Immediate Situation

- **An Important Mission**
 - Take possession of the land
 - Genesis 12:6,7
 - Genesis 15:18-21
 - The land is a good land
 - Exodus 3:8,17 and 13:5
- **A Significant Transition**
 - Moses to Joshua
 - Wandering to dwelling

What the people are about to face

- Numbers 13:25-29
- Numbers 13:30-33

The response of the Israelites to what they were about to face

- Numbers 14:1-4

God's response to the Israelites' rebellion

- Numbers 14:36-38

Moses' Legacy

- Numbers 14:36-38

WHAT JOSHUA FACED THEN WHEN THE BOOK OF JOSHUA OPENS:

1. A daunting mission
2. A disagreeable people
3. The inimitable legacy of Moses

INTRODUCTION TO JOSHUA

In Exodus

- **Exodus 17:8-16** Moses chose Joshua to lead the Israelites to fight the Amalekites
- **Exodus 17:14** Joshua's victory was put in perspective → he will recognize all he was called to do is the LORD's work.
- **Exodus 24:13** Moses brought Joshua along to receive the 10 commandments
- **Exodus 32:17-19** Witnessed Moses' indignation and smashing of the tablets
- **Exodus 33:11** Witnessed Moses' communion with the LORD as he guarded the tent of meeting

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In Numbers

- **Numbers 13** Sent with 11 others to spy the land of Canaan
- **Numbers 14** Pleaded with the people not to rebel against the LORD
- **Numbers 27** The LORD appointed Joshua specifically to lead the people into Canaan

In Deuteronomy

- **Deut 31:7** Moses exhorted Joshua to be strong and courageous
- **Deut 31:14** The LORD commissioned Joshua
- **Deut 31:23** The LORD assured Joshua that He will bring the people into the land; Joshua is to be strong and courageous knowing the LORD's presence with him
- **Deut 34:7-9** Immediate mention of Joshua when Moses died

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Joshua 1:1 – 6 **GOD EXHORTED JOSHUA TO TAKE COURAGE IN CARRYING OUT HIS PURPOSE FOR HIS PEOPLE**

Joshua 1:7 – 8 **GOD EXHORTED JOSHUA TO TAKE COURAGE BY STANDING FIRM IN OBEDIENCE**

Joshua 1:9 **GOD EXHORTED JOSHUA TO TAKE COURAGE IN TRUSTING GOD'S FAITHFUL CHARACTER**

Joshua 1:10 – 11 **JOSHUA'S COURAGE SEEN IN OBEDIENCE**

Joshua 1:16 – 18 **JOSHUA'S COURAGE IN OBEDIENCE AFFIRMED BY GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS WORD**



Thinking through...

1. What motivates us from acting to overcome obstacles in the course of doing God's will (obeying His word)?
2. For what purpose do we ask God for courage in the work of the gospel?
3. How do we expect God to answer our prayer for courage? What does God-given courage look like? After asking God for courage, what is our next step?