

Joshua 1:1-9

God gives us things to do

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Follow, work with him, live in deeper communion with him, confessing and leave a sin.
Our work begins with his work in us

****God is going to ask you to take a big step today***

Why we don't do the things God asks us to do

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God commands us to be strong and courageous

Strong: God asks us to start and decide to do new things.

When we don't start the things God asks us to do=not strong

Resistance

We lose out on so much by not starting...

What has God been asking you to decide or to start?
- listen to Spirit

Courage: When we are doing something worthwhile, there is always the temptation / desire / idea to quit.

When we quit the things God has asked us to do, it's because of a lack of courage.

Because we get discouraged, don't see progress, it is a lot of effort

Because we have an enemy

Courage makes us persevere in what God asked us to start,

We lose so much by not continuing

...What are you doing that you want to stop, but know you shouldn't, but really want to?

3 things that give us courage and strength,

His Purpose

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For God has a job for you, He will work through you

Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8

His Word

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Strong and courageous because God has given us His will (His Word: 1 Timothy 3), His plan, His way

Because we have the word of God (Hebrews 4:12-13)

His Presence

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For God is with us (Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 28:20, John 14:17) - The Spirit of Jesus. It

Application:

What do you need to start / what decision do you need to make

What do you want to stop, but you know you need to persevere

What will you do

Why do it:

The results of perseverance are extraordinary