

SERMON NOTES

Sunday 14 June

sunnysidechurch

Bible passage: Joshua 1.1-11

Introduction

- Joshua called to lead God's people into promised Land after death of Moses
- Joshua called to trust God but play his part too

God says be strong and very courageous because:

1. He is faithful

- God will lead his people into the land he promised them
- God keeps his promises to us

2. He is with us

- God promised to never leave or forsake Joshua
- God is with us by his Spirit living in us

3. We have the gift of his Word

- Joshua had the law to teach him how to worship God and follow him
- We have the written word (Bible), the living word (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit to teach us
- Encouragement and challenge to be devoted to God's word

Conclusion: 'Get your provisions ready'

- All got a role to play in God's work
- Important not to get distracted by discouragement
- Invitation to work with God to build his Church in this place

Some questions to discuss

1. Where have you seen God at work in Sunnyside recently?
2. Read Joshua 1.1-11. What do you notice?
3. Why might Joshua need to be strong and very courageous?
4. Think of a time when God has been faithful to you. How does that experience strengthen your faith?
5. What does it mean to you that God is always with you?
6. What might it look like for you to meditate on God's word day and night?
7. How do you think God is calling us to 'Get your provisions ready' for what he is doing at Sunnyside?
8. Is there one thing that you are taking away from this passage? Is there something you need to do in response? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something God wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

God says: 'be strong and very courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1.9)

Why not spend some time thanking God for his faithfulness and presence and ask him to give you the strength you need to be faithful to him?

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