



NEW COURAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

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◦ **Joshua 1: 6 – 9** – “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land, I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

JP Morgan:

“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you’re not going to stay where you are.”

HOW THEN SHOULD
WE LIVE?

5 MOVEMENTS OF FAITH

1. THE ROOT OF COURAGE IS FAITH.

The courage we are talking about here is
not human bravado, but it is a godly
courage that is rooted in **FAITH**.

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Our faith is not based on faith. It is
based on the Word of the Living God.

Romans 10: 17 (ESV) – “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

John 6: 63 – “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life...”

Psalm 119: 89 – “Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.”

Psalm 119: 160 – “All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal...”

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A promise is only as good as the one who promises. The reliability of any promise is always based on the promiser.

Numbers 23: 19 – “God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?”

Joshua 1: 3 – 6 - “I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates - all the Hittite country - to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land, I swore to their ancestors to give them.”

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Joshua 1: 6 – 8 – “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land, I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Joshua 1: 8 – “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.”

4 KEY THINGS

1. **READ** the Word.
2. **REFLECT** on the Word.
3. **RECORD** what the Word says.
4. **RESPOND** in obedience.

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5. THE RESULT OF COURAGEOUS FAITH IS TO WITNESS THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.

Joshua 1: 9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 21: 43 – 45 – “So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands. Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled.”

Joshua 24: 15 – “But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

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“O may all who come behind us.

Find us faithful,

May the fire of our devotion,

Light their way.

May the footprints that we leave,

Lead them to believe,

And the lives we live.

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“We're pilgrims on the journey,
Of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us.
Line the way.
Cheering on the faithful,
Encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament
To God's sustaining grace.

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Surrounded by so great,
A cloud of witnesses,
Let's run the race,
Not only for the prize,
But as those who've gone before us.
Let us leave to those behind us,
The heritage of faithfulness
Passed on thru godly lives.

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After all our hopes and dreams
Have come and gone,
And our children sift thru all,
We've left behind,
May the clues that they discover,
And the memories they uncover,
Become the light that leads them,
To the road we each must find.”

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