



Fear of The New Normal

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To Face the New Normal

Clear Mission

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 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.

Joshua 1:1–4

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded."

Matthew 28:18–19

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

His Presence

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.

Joshua 1:5

And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:20

Bold Determination

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

Joshua 1:6

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.

Joshua 1:7

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 1:9

His Word

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 1:7–8

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Psalms 1:1–3

Bottom Line:

God Provides What We Need

When We Need It

Fear Less: Part 3

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1. How do you respond to change? Share a time when you went through a big change? What was that like for you and what did you learn from it?
2. What do you think the “new normal” might look like for us?
3. **Read and Discuss Deuteronomy 31:7-8:32:** Moses was about to die-so Moses and God commissioned Joshua to lead the people into the Promised land. What stands out to you about their message to him?
4. **Read and discuss Joshua 1:1-4:** What was Joshua’s role with Moses? How long had Moses been in charge? What is Joshua’s mission now? How would you have been feeling if you were Joshua at this point? What do you believe is God’s mission for your life today?
5. **Read and discuss Joshua 1:5 and 9:** Why does God repeat the same thing to Joshua here?
6. **Read and discuss Joshua 1:6, 7 and 9:** Where do we get strength to face the unknown?
7. **Read Joshua 1:7-8:** Why is God’s word necessary for us as we face this new normal? Share a truth from God’s word that helps you face an uncertain future. How are you getting God’s word into your life this week? What does it mean to be prosperous and successful as God defines them?
8. What do you need to face the “new normal” in your life?