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Joshua 1:1-9

**Introduction**

**-Moses is now dead**

**-Joshua is mentioned in Exodus 17, 24, 32, 33; Numbers and Deuteronomy**

**-Joshua was Moses’ right-hand man.**

**-What can we learn from the transition from Moses to Joshua as we as the church at Village Christian Church transition and what’s the goal for you and for your Minister?**

**-Here is what we need to be reminded of according to scripture**

**1. Move Forward (vv. 2-5)**

**-In verse 2 God commands Joshua to Go!!!**

**-As Christian we are called to Go**

**i. Matthew 28:19: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**ii. The Great Commission (Go)**

**-We also read; the same promises God promised Joshua, are also promises Jesus gave to his disciples before ascending up into Heaven.**

**-His Authority (Matthew 28:18: And Jesus came and said to them “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me). Look at Josua 1:3-5a.**

**-His Presence (Matthew 28:20b: And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.) Look at Joshua 1:5b., and 9c.**

**2. We have work to do. (v. 6)**

**-Courageous Definition: not deterred by danger or pain; brave**

**-What is our job**

**-Matthew 13 and Mark 4: Parable of the Sower**

**-1 Corinthians 3:6-9: I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.**

**3. Stand on the Word of God (vv. 7-8)**

**-Psalm 1: The way of the Righteous and the Wicked**

**-2 Timothy 3:16-17: All scripture is God breathed out by God and profitable for teaching in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

**-James 1:22: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

**-John 8:31-32: So, Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth shall set free.**

**Conclusion:**

**-Verse 9 of Joshua 1: a Friendly reminder**

**-So Go, be Strong and Courageous and be strong and very courageous**

**-Do not be dismayed and do not be frightened, he is with us.**