

## Press Forward with Courage

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Joshua I

Move forward in the promises of God. (vs. 3-6)

"So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled." Joshua 21: 43.45

Obey the precepts of God. (vs. 6-9)

## Surround yourself in the presence of God. (vs. 5,9)

"You know, sometimes all you need is 20 seconds of insane courage, just literally 20 seconds of embarrassing bravery, and I promise you something great will come of it."

Benjamin Mee

## Step forward courageously in the power of God. (vs. 2)

"If God is for us, who can be against us." Romans 8:31

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

"God's promises in the Bible are not pillows to rest on as much as prods to move us forward." Warren Wiersbe

Questions for Discipleship Group and/or Personal Study

Are there any things you are fearful about as 2018 begins?

## Read Joshua 1:1-9

What reasons might Joshua have for being fearful?

What promises are contained in this passage for him?

Do you have I-2 favourite Bible promises for yourself?

Do you agree with Rick that we live more on promises than explanations?

What do you do when God doesn't give you an explanation or clarity on a matter?

God commands Joshua to keep the book of the law close v. 7,8. What is your Bible intake plan for 2018?

Read the promises of God's presence v. 5, 9. What difference does it make in your life that God is always with you?

The Israelites were told to move forward v. 2. What courageous step or steps is God asking you to take now? How can your discipleship group help you?

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