

Strengthened by the Word (Joshua 1:1-9)

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Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Daniel 12:2-3 (NIV) Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

1. _____ the past

Joshua 1:1 (NIV) After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:

A. Get ready for the _____

Joshua 1:2 (NIV) "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.

B. God wants to _____ you

Joshua 1:3-4 (NIV) 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 Great Sea on the west.

2. No one can _____ God's plan

Joshua 1:5a (NIV) No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life.

A. God is _____ you

Joshua 1:5b (NIV) As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

B. Be strong and courageous to _____

Joshua 1:6 (NIV) "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.

3. Be careful to _____ God's Word

Joshua 1:7 (NIV) 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.

A. God's Word will make you _____

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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.

B. Don't be discouraged or _____

Joshua 1:9 (NIV) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

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Study Guide

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Intro. What are ways that the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) can be fulfilled by people like you?

According to Daniel 12:2-3, what are the characteristics of believers who have eternal life?

Why do we need to be strengthened by the Word in order to lead others to Christ?

1A. Why do you think it is important to let go of the past in order to move into the future that God has for you (Joshua 1:1)?

1B. What was involved in Israel getting ready to conquer the promised land (Joshua 1:2)?

1C. What does God mean when He says to Joshua “I will give you every place you set your foot” (Joshua 1:3-4)?

1D. What plans do you believe God has for our life in regard to fulfilling the Great Commission?

2A. Why is it important to know that no person or circumstance can stop God’s plan for your life (Joshua 1:5a)?

2B. What confidence does it give you to recognize that God is with you (Joshua 1:5b)?

2C. In what ways does leadership require strength and courage (Joshua 1:6)?

2D. How is God calling you to be a leader for God in your life?

3A. Define the success promised by God in Joshua 1:7. What are the conditions for the promise of success in that verse?

3B. How must a person utilize God’s Word in order to be strengthened and prosper in life (Joshua 1:8)?

3C. When you follow God as a leader, how might you be tempted to be terrified or discouraged (Joshua 1:9)?

3D. Give examples of how God could use you to lead others to Christ in different areas of your life.