

Week 2: Stepping Out in Faith

2025 Theme Verse:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." – Isaiah 43:18-19

Key Text: 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."*

Focus: Today we highlight the courage it takes to move forward, especially when facing uncertainty.

Key Point: Faith in God's promises empowers us to step into the unknown with confidence.

Introduction:

God is calling us to move forward—but what happens when we don't feel ready? What happens when the path ahead seems uncertain or too difficult to navigate? In Joshua 1:9, God gives us a clear command: "Be strong and courageous."

Joshua had to overcome many obstacles as a leader and most of them had to do with physical battles with other nations but perhaps the toughest battle he had to face was the battle within and the obstacle to his lack of inner confidence.

The path forward may require stepping into the unknown, but we are not stepping alone. This week, we are called to take that first step of faith. It's time to stop waiting for the perfect moment and to move forward with the confidence that God is with us. Let's discover how to step out in faith and trust God's guidance as we face new challenges.

Three overarching ideas come from Joshua 1:9

1. God's Command to Be Courageous: Fear often paralyzes us, but God calls us to courage, knowing that His power is with us.
2. Reject Fear and Discouragement: Moving forward requires an intentional decision to trust God rather than succumb to doubt.
3. The Lord Goes before You: Confidence to step forward comes from knowing God's presence is constant and faithful.

Closing Challenge:

Ask yourself, "Where is God calling me to step out in faith?" This week, identify one specific area where you need to take a bold step, trusting that God is with you. Don't wait for perfect conditions—take action and rely on God's strength to overcome your fears.