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WEEK 1 • 18TH FEB 2018 • JOSHUA 1

Be strong and courageous appears four times in Joshua 1 (verses 6, 7, 9 & 18). It leads us to see that in following God, we will face things that are highly likely to cause fear and discouragement

1. What do you now understand about being strong and courageous from Sunday's message?
 - As we launch into a multisite era, seeking to reach as many people as possible, what are some things that could cause fear and discouragement?
 - What are the things that will help us to remain resolute and unchanging in God's call for us as a church?
2. Alongside the command to be strong and courageous, Joshua was given a command about the law (which was the only part of the Bible written at that point!).
 - What were they commanded to do with it? (Joshua 1:7-8)

- How can we be more like this today?
3. What Bible verses do you know that have comforted and strengthened you in times of difficulty. Why not share these with the group?
 - How did your outreach intentionality increase in 2017?

 - What choices will you make to increase it further in 2018?
5. This week is a significant week for our church as we launch City and East.
 - What part can you play in seeking to reach our city?

 - Why not take some time to pray together for the launch, for the teams serving and for the people of our church and our city.

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— WEEK 2 • 25TH FEB 2018 • JOSHUA 3-4 —

1. Sunday was a new beginning for us as a church – why not share some highlights from services with each other. What was a key learning or takeaway for you?

2. We see Israel following the ark of the covenant.
 - What do the following verses show about what this ark represented for the people? (Exodus 25:22, Numbers 7:89 & 1 Samuel 4:3)

 - How do we find the same things in our relationship with God today?

3. We saw that sometimes God answers prayer but we don't see the effects immediately - Joshua 3 & 4 teaches us that God is at work upstream.
 - In what areas are you having to trust today that God is at work upstream?

- Have a look at Psalm 37:7. What does it look like when we're waiting patiently for God?
4. In Joshua 4:4-7, they build a monument of rocks that were collected from the river - the only way they could do this was because God did a miracle by stopping the water.
- What are some stories from your life or those around you or our church that are rocks for you - demonstrations of things only God can do?
 - How does this affect our expectation of what God can and will do in the future?
5. The 28 days of prayer has been powerful in the build up to multisite. What have you learned as a group through this? How can we ensure that we all continue to pray in this new era as a church?

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— WEEK 3 • 4TH MARCH 2018 • JOSHUA 6 —

1. One of the themes of Israel's victory at Jericho was worship. 2 Chronicles 20:12-22 shows another account of victory through worship.
 - What does this passage tell us about why worship is powerful?
 - As you think of some challenges you face right now, how might the worship of God affect how you see those challenges?
2. God gave Joshua a plan that humanly speaking would never bring down a wall, let alone a mighty city. God's plan for bringing people into his kingdom is the church with a message.
 - What are the things that were unnecessary for Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:1-5?

- What things were important?
 - How does this affect what you think you need in seeing those in your world come to believe in Jesus?
3. When we understand that the plan and the power is God's, we realise that God can use anyone.
- What are some common reasons for why people think that God can't use them?
 - Have a look at 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What was Paul's weakness and how did God turn that around?
4. Israel were to persevere until the job was done – they were to march around for 7 days and 7 times on the last day but they didn't go alone – they went together.
- In what ways is it easier to persevere in a group rather than alone?
 - How can Life Groups be a place that help the church to keep going?