

MY EMERGENCY NUMBERS - Joshua 1:7

I NEED COURAGE

The word "discourage" mean "to have no heart." Obviously, "courage" means "to have heart within."

Our outward life (the public one) looks ok to others (we are faking it pretty good). The inward life (the private one) is filled with jello.

1. Do you think God is making a point to Joshua?
 - a. Joshua 1:6 - "Be _____ & of good _____."
 - b. Joshua 1:7 - "Be _____ & very _____."
 - c. Joshua 1:9 - "Be _____ & of good _____."
2. God is not done. (Joshua 1:9b)
 - a. "Do not be _____."
 - b. "Nor be _____."
 - c. "God is with you _____ you go."

Obviously, taking over for Moses caused him great stress & discouragement.

He could have felt HEAVY, STUCK, SAD, HOPELESS. He could have focused on negative things, past failures & disappointments, things that did not work out. I know I have had these thoughts & feelings.

I think it would be fair to assume that the entire nation of Israel could have been discouraged; Moses was dead & they were out in the wilderness.

3. There was no time to be discouraged. What did God tell Joshua to do?
(Joshua 1:2) _____

Joshua had to **accept** where he was & deal with it. He might have thought that he would rather be somewhere else. Regardless of how he felt, here he was

right there. The decision was, "What is my next step?" He decided to obey God & cross the Jordan River. **GOOD DECISION!!**

4. What did God tell Joshua in Joshua 1:5?

- a. "No man will be able to _____ against you."
- b. "I was with Moses. I will be _____."
- c. "I will not _____ you nor _____ you."

Joshua needed to be **grateful** for the incredible promises from God. Thanking God for "where we are" gets us through "where we are". Even if a short-term victory, it keeps us going.

5. What did Joshua assure the tribes of Reuben, Gad, & $\frac{1}{2}$ of Manasseh?

(1:15) "You shall _____ to your land and _____ it."

Joshua did extend **kindness** to these tribes even though they settled on the wrong side of the Jordan River. He honored the promise of God & Moses.

6. What did the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and $\frac{1}{2}$ Manasseh say to Joshua?

- a. (1:16) - "All that you _____ us we will _____."
- b. (1:17) - "Just as we obeyed Moses, we will _____ you."
- c. (1:17) - "Only the Lord God _____."

Joshua needed to be reminded of **the bigger picture**. He needed to focus on his purpose. He needed to know where he was going. **THOSE MOMENTS OF DISCOURAGEMENT DO NOT CHANGE THE DIRECTION, BUT RATHER REDUCE THE SPEED BY WHICH YOU GET THERE.**

7. What else did the three tribes promise to Joshua? (1:18)

- a. "Whoever rebels against your command and does not obey your words shall be _____."
- b. "Only be _____ & of good _____."

This is called "encourage" ("put heart into someone"). To not be discouraged, accept where you are, be grateful, show kindness, see the big picture.