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Ice Breaker: What is the most fearful or anxious situation that you have encountered?

Discuss anything that jumped out at you in your private devotions this week.

1. Who was Joshua?
 1. Read the following passages and list the descriptions about Joshua: Exo 17:9-13; Num 13:8 & 16; Num 27:18 & Deut 34:9; Num 32:12; Exo 24:13 & 32:17; Exo 33:11; Num 14:6-9
2. Read Joshua 1:1-9. What is the promise of vv 2-4 in this passage?
 1. Is the nature of these promises past, present or future? (cf. Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-7; Josh 1:2-4; Josh 24:6-13)
 2. Are the promises we enjoy in Christ past, present or future?
 3. How do the promises we have affect the way you live this week?
3. Joshua was appointed leader of a great nation. He succeeded the greatest leader of the Old Testament.
 1. Are these promises to Joshua relevant to your life today?
 2. In what situations can you implement the instructions to Joshua?
 3. How will affect your decision making?
4. What are the commands in this passage?
 1. Why is obeying the commands of Scriptures so important in everyday living?
 2. What does vv 7-8 teach us about how to obey?
 3. Read Joshua 24:14-15. What decision did God lay before Israel after he had delivered his promises?
 4. Read Joshua 24:16-18. How did God's goodness affect this generation's desire to follow God?
 5. Do you desire obedience? Is it partial or full obedience that you desire? If partial, what keeps us from full obedience?
5. According to Joshua vv 8-9, what would be the result of Joshua obeying God?
 1. How do fear and faith interact?
 2. How do you work through fear in everyday living?
 3. Read Joshua 24:19-28. What did Joshua predict about the people's desire for God?

How does the gospel help us relate to God in a way not available to the Old Testament followers of God in Joshua's day?

Sermon Idea: “Victory in living comes through surrender to the authority of God’s Word.”

I. Be strong and courageous by believing God’s promises. (v 6)

- A. Joshua’s faith was no doubt “wobbly” at this point.
- B. God had chosen, called and equipped to lead Israel into the Promised Land.
- C. God always keeps His promises to us.

II. Be strong and courageous by obeying God’s Word. (vv 7-8)

- A. Don’t lose focus on how the Bible instructs us to live.
- B. Don’t neglect go by the Bible as I rule of faith for living.
- C. Constantly think through life biblically and apply it routinely to situations in life.

III. Be strong and courageous by trusting in God’s presence. (v 9)

- A. Surrendered living according to the Bible ensures God presence.
- B. Surrendered living according to the Bible ensures genuine success.