

TAKE 5! 5 VERSES, 5 QUESTIONS, 5 MINUTES BY MARY
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Strong
And
Courageous

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Please take a moment to quiet yourself before God. Ask Him to forgive you for any sin that is on your heart and to fill you afresh with Him Holy Spirit.

Now please read Joshua 1:5-9.

What will God never do?

No matter what you have done or have left undone, God will never leave you. If God left us because of our sins or mistakes that would mean that our sin was more powerful than His grace. WE are not strong enough to "out sin" God's grace.

According to verse 6, what can you be because God will never leave you or forsake you?

When we are strong and courageous what will we be able to do?

We will be able to live out the truth of God's Holy Word. Walking out the Christian life is not for the faint of heart; it takes strength and courage.

What else do you need to do in order to live fearlessly for God (verse 8)?

You need to spend time in His Word. The more serious you are about following God, the more time you will spend in His Word.

While writing this Bible study, I saw something new and fresh in verse 8, that I never noticed before. Verse 8 states, "This book of the Law shall not depart from your *mouth*, but you shall meditate on it day and night... (emphasis mine). In order to truly live for God not only do we need to meditate on God's Word but we need to release the power of His Word by *speaking* it into our daily life and circumstances.

What will happen when we begin to meditate on and speak God's Word (verse 8)?

Our way will be prosperous and we will have good success. One of the definitions for the word *prosperous* is "to finish well." As the old saying goes, we need to finish what we start and I want to finish well don't you? Studying God's Word will help ensure that we finish well our Christian walk. The words *good success* mean to be prudent, to be wise, to consider, to ponder, to act wisely, to give insight. The more we study the Scriptures, the wiser we will become.

Please read verse 9 out loud one more time.

Go forth today and determine to make decisions based on faith not fear—after all, God is with us.

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