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Scripture and Reflection Questions

**Be Strong and Courageous**

Joshua 1:1-9

“After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give them – to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your food, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates – all the Hittite country – to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 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.”

1. Has someone ever offered you encouragement that you didn’t find helpful? Or, have you ever been in a position where you wanted to encourage someone else, but it didn’t feel like your words would have been meaningful or helpful enough? What can we do in those situations?
2. How do you think Joshua felt as he was expected to step into Moses’ role? How do you think God’s words were helpful for him?
3. How are the strength of the world and the strength found through faith different? How do we tend to mix them up?
4. What area of your life do you need God’s strength right now? How can you remember to be encouraged by His promises and faithfulness, be obedient to His word, and know His presence in your life?