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STRONG AND COURAGEOUS LEADERS RACHEL LOVINGOOD

What is leaving you feeling weak or uncertain these days?

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 to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, 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. 8 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." (Joshua 1:1-9)

Why do you need to be reminded to be "strong and courageous"?

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LESSONS FROM THE ISRAELITES

1. MUST STAND _____ ON WHO _____ SAYS YOU ARE AND AVOID IDENTITY CRISIS!

» What things (other than God's Word) do you tend to base your identity on?

**IF YOU BASE YOUR IDENTITY ON ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE UNCHANGING
WORD OF GOD, YOU SET YOURSELF UP FOR FAILURE.**

» How do you see this statement to be true?

» What more do you need to be doing to be in God's Word and KNOW it right now?

2. SURRENDER _____ OF YOUR DAY .

» According to God's instruction for crossing the river in Josh 3,
WHY do we need to surrender control of our lives on a daily basis?

You've _____ been _____ way before!

» How does this reminder apply to your life right now?

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3. FIX YOUR _____

You _____ where you _____

- » **What are you tending to focus on these days?**
- » **What lies have you been believing?**
- » **How do you need to surrender control to the Lord?**

4. STEP OUT IN _____!

Don't just KNOW God's Word, _____ it.

Each step of faith makes the next step of faith _____.

WHEN GOD CALLS YOU TO STEP OUT IN FAITH HE CANNOT LET YOU DOWN!

- » **What is God calling you to step into?**
- » **What step of faith is next for you?**

GOD TELLS US TO BE "STRONG AND COURAGEOUS" BECAUSE HE KNOWS WE WILL FACE ENEMIES AND HAVE BATTLES.

- » **What battles/enemies are you facing right now?**
- » **How does today's lesson give you insight into facing those challenges?**

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