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Be Strong and Courageous

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” – Deuteronomy 31:6

Have you ever had a time when the task before you felt impossible? Maybe it was a test or project in school? Or the realization that you and your team would have to go through three D1 College prospect pitchers to get to the state tournament? Maybe it was something that you knew God was asking of you to do, but felt unprepared and unqualified?

In Deuteronomy 31 we find Moses prepping Joshua to take over the reins and lead the Israelites to the promise land. In Chapter 31 verse 6, Moses tells Joshua and the people of Israel to *“be strong and courageous,”* and insures them that God *“will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

If anyone would know it would be Moses. He too was called by God. Called to lead the people of Israel out of their bondage of slavery in Egypt and across the Red Sea to the land promised to them by God. However, in Moses’s reply to God, we see a reflection of our own frequent response when God asks something of us: *“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”*, and *“Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or sine you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.”*

Moses’s, like us, felt unqualified and unprepared to take on the task that God had laid out before him. However, in God’s words of support and encouragement, Moses’s was able to find solace and support. In fact, God continually providing Moses’s with example after example of encouragement throughout his time leading the people of Israel. And I am sure it was these examples paired with God’s words of encouragement that allowed Moses’s to offer the same encouragement in full confidence to Joshua.

Moses’s learned that it is not about the size of the situation we find before us. And that it is also not our own wisdom and strength that we are asked to rely on. When God send you, he doesn’t simply give you stuff to help you along the way, but instead gives the most important thing you can need – Himself!

So next time, you have a task, either on the field or off, that seems invincible; remember to be ‘strong and courageous,’ and know that God is with you!

Questions: Are you being “strong and courageous” and relying on God to help you complete the tasks set before you?

Challenge: Take time this week to read Deuteronomy 31 and Joshua 1 from the Bible and circle the phrases “be strong and courageous.”

Prayer: Thank you Lord for your mercy and grace. Thank you for your patience with me. Thank you for always being with me during any and all situations. Keep me strong and courageous!

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