

Strength for the Task

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a **flexible guide** that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.

Message Summary

The New Day Church family is reading through the bible chronologically in 2017. Each week we hear a sermon that leads us into the reading for the week and shows us the Gospel thread throughout the story. We are learning that the story of Redemption is on full display from Genesis to Revelation. Both Old and New Testaments are one unified story that speaks of the beauty of God and the Redemption He has provided for us.

This week we will finish up Deuteronomy and move into Joshua. Deuteronomy ends with Moses handing off the leadership reins to Joshua and then Moses dies. Joshua opens with God instructing him to take the land, the land He had continually promised to the children of Israel. From Genesis 12 all the way to the edge of Canaan we see God making a promise to give His people a new land. The Land that Adam and Eve gave up in the Garden of Eden would be given anew to the children of Israel.

But the question for Joshua and the people is, "would they take the land?" Would they have what it takes to conquer the people of the land? Here in Joshua 1:1-9 we see God sharing with Joshua what's necessary to take the land. The words of this short commissioning were words of encouragement and Joshua found strength for the task to move forward with God's plan. What follows in this book of conquering is the account of God using Joshua and the children of Israel to take the land.

Everything we see in this story points us back to God doing the work among His people. They were weak. They were afraid. But God is strong and powerful. God had a plan for the people of Israel and He was going to carry it out. As we look at the overall story of redemption, we see a similar truth for God's people on this side of the cross. God has a plan and He's going to carry it out among His people. The question for us is will we obey that plan? Will we obey the command to make disciples Jesus of all the nations or will we cower down in fear? Regardless of what we do, God will carry out His plan through those who choose to obey Him.

New Day Church stands on the brink of entering her 5th year as a church body. We want to move into the next phase of our lives together. Are you prepared to fulfill God's plan for you and His church? As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week examine the principles discussed in the sermon and let your heart be challenged to fulfill our mission as a church. We exist to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus! Let this message give you strength for the task!

Message Outline

God's Plan for this community...

1. Revealed through God's Word.
 - Israel – A New Land.
 - The Church – A New People.
 - The Future – A New Creation.
2. Demands Unity in the Body.
3. Promises Blessings to His People.
4. Requires Miraculous Effort from God.
5. Challenged by the Enemy.
 - People.
 - Fear.
 - Idolatry.
6. Executed with Courage.

We find strength & courage from the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
7. Succeeds through Obedience.
 - Know the word.
 - Love the God of the word.
 - Meditate on the word.
 - Teach the word.
 - Live the word.

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Joshua 1:1-9:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

• Church:

- Pray as we seek to identify additional elders to lead us into the future.
- Pray about going on a global mission trip this year.
- Pray as we seek to raise up additional leaders who will multiply our Missional Communities.
- Pray for our worship space.
- Pray for our finances.
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• Local:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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• Global:

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for new workers on the mission field.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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