

Day One: Joshua 1

- Describe the aftermath of Moses' death; what commitments was the Lord asking Joshua to make (1-6)? Meditate on these phrases from verses 2 and 6: "get ready" and "be strong and courageous." Is God speaking these words to you regarding any area of your life? What is he saying to you in this very moment?
- How does obedience to the scriptures help one to "be strong and very courageous" (7-8)? What are some examples from your own life that prove this to be true? In verse 9 God *commands* Joshua to "be strong and courageous." How does this sit with you? What helps you to be faithful to this command?
- Summarize Joshua's execution of the Lord's commands (10-15). The Promised Land would provide rest. If you're also searching for rest, ask God to illuminate the path. What is he revealing? How did the officers bless Joshua (16-18)? Follow their lead: as our church transitions, seek out ways to bless pastors and leaders.

Day Two: Psalm 27

- Why is David not afraid (1)? How does he weather attacks (2-3)? What one thing does he want from the Lord (4)? Why (5)? How does he respond to this God experience (6)? What's it like to "dwell in the house of the Lord" and "gaze on his beauty"? What practices help you be truly present with God? Make a commitment to more regularly commune with the Lord in these ways.
- David then makes several more pleas to the Lord; summarize them (7-12). Consider his emotional state when he penned these words. Pray seasons of uncertainty in your own life would be marked by fierce commitment to God.
- What is David confident about (13)? In conclusion, what does he remind both himself and his readers to do (14)? Meditate on these last two verses for a few minutes and visualize their truths deeply impacting your life. What do you see? What steps can you take to make this picture a reality?

Day Three: Isaiah 30:15-18

- How is God described (15)? Where are salvation and strength found (15)? Why do you think Israel would "have none of it"? In what ways do you resist quietness? Ask God to open your heart to its value. Picture all he'll do and all you'll notice in quietness. What can happen when you quiet thoughts, turn off devices, etc.? May you commit to regularly practicing silence in this way.
- Describe the people's impatient escape (16-17). What perceived threats tend to cause you to trade quiet for fear and frenzy? How can you break free from these patterns? Pray for a new pattern of repentance, rest, quietness and trust.
- In our fretting and distraction, what does God long for (18)? Why (18)? Right now, what are you fretting about? What is distracting you from the activity of God in your life and in the life of our church? Give these burdens to the Lord. Allow him to envelop you with grace and compassion.

Day Four: Hebrews 6:9-12

- After issuing several warnings against "falling away," what turn does the author take (9)? Think of yourself as one of these "dear friends." What "better things" are in store for you? How does God continue to save you from harm and loss?

- What will God not forget (10)? Why (10)? What work has the Lord seen you do? What love have you shown? How do you help God's people? Ask the Lord how he wants you to focus these efforts during this time of change for our church. What is he speaking?
- How will our hope and inheritance be fully realized (11-12)? In what ways are you a careful and persistent follower of Jesus? In what ways do you fall short of diligence? Pause for a moment to allow the Holy Spirit to answer this question. Repent and ask God for power to strengthen your commitment to follow him never in laziness but with diligence in all ways and in all areas of life.

Day Five: James 2:14-26

- What two things does James contrast (14)? How does he initially argue that faith without works is dead (14-17)? How does this relate to the idiom "actions speak louder than words"? And what about James 1:22? Why do you think James saw action as the sign of true commitment to Jesus?
- Why does faith without deeds fall short of the fullness of following Jesus (18-19)? What Old Testament evidence supports James' argument (20-25)? Consider yourself: what evidence is there of your faith and actions "working together"? What about during times of change and uncertainty?
- How does James conclude this section on "faith and deeds" (26)? Read Joshua 6:17. Rahab plays a critical role in God's story not because of her beliefs but because of her *actions*. In this next chapter in the life of our church, may your actions communicate deep commitment to the Lord and what he's doing among us.