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## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Joshua 1:1–11, 17**

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "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. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 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. 5 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. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

7 "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. 9 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."

10 So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: 11 "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.'"

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17 Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses.

**1) God's promises will get bigger than your problems.**

**2) Beliefs need to become convictions.**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Please take a moment to read the passage of Scripture together as a group.**

- How are you welcoming God's promises?
- How are you walking in God's promises right now?
- Joshua is a son, soldier and a spy. Where else do we see him on the pages of Scripture?
- Think through the metaphor of the four types of lands, which one are you in right now?
  - Egypt: filled with slavery and false worship.
  - Wilderness: wandering and just stuck.
  - Canaan: promised land, but also where battle was fought.
  - Babylon: land of brokenness.
- Do you think you can vacillate between the four lands? If you believe you can, how can you?