

Joshua 1:7 - Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

## I. Be

- "Only be strong"
- Notice it is "be" strong, not "feel" strong.
- Being comes before doing.
- It is made righteous before doing works of righteousness.
  - a. Identity
    - i. It is important to understand the context of this text and the story as it relates to us – God's people. A people formed by God, a people given an identity by God, and a people in covenant with the only true God.
    - ii. "Be strong living" is founded upon an identity given by God to those right with His Son Jesus Christ.
  - b. Promise (Joshua 1:1-3)
    - i. "the land which I am giving to them" = Promise land
    - ii. "Be strong living" is connected to the promises we have been given in Christ.
  - c. Presence (Joshua 1:5)
    - i. This is how you are able to be strong: you accept & understand your identity, the promises God has given you, and you have an awareness that His presence is always with you.

## II. Do (Joshua 1:7-9)

- a. Mouth
  - i. You will never do God's will with a mouth that speaks contrary to that will.
  - ii. You will never speak incorrectly but keep doing right.
  - iii. Our ability to do according to all God has for us is connected to keeping His Word constantly in our mouths.
- b. Meditate
  - i. Memorize it, think about it, keep it in your awareness/mind, and then rehearse it repeatedly.
  - ii. A great question to continually ask yourself throughout the day: "What does God's book say about it?"
- c. Momentum

## III. Good Success

- a. There is success and there is good success.
- b. Good success comes from the integration of our being and our doing.
- c. Another biblical way to describe this is: good success is from biblical formation.
- d. Israel prospering in their way and having good success included overcoming Jericho.

## IV. Overcoming Jericho (Joshua Chs. 3-5)

- a. Get in the right place (cross the Jordan).
- b. Set up remembrances that guard you from turning back (memorial stones).
- c. Roll away the reproach (circumcision) and don't let the past distract you from the present power of God.
- d. Let wilderness provisions go for the promise land provisions (manna).
  - i. The Lord knows how and why things have been built. (Josh 6:5, 20)
  - ii. God knows the right combination to unlock what may be currently locked. (6:1-2, 5)
  - iii. Proximity Persuasion

## V. Rahab's Release

- a. Rahab represents those who need to get on the right side of the wall and on the right side of God's work.
  - i. She received the two children of Israel/spies (2:1, 9)
  - ii. She hid the messengers (the message). (6:25)
  - iii. She bound herself to the scarlet line. (2:17-18)
  - iv. She shut her mouth. (2:14)
  - v. She let go of her cultural upbringing. (2:19-20)

# WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at [dwellingsmovement@gmail.com](mailto:dwellingsmovement@gmail.com).

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

## GROUP

**Sunday, January 16 -  
Connect Group Night**

Our connect groups will be meeting all over the area this evening. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

## GATHER

**Sundays in January 9a + 11a -  
Overcome - Conquering Your  
Jericho**

The battle of Jericho was the ultimate challenge for Joshua and the Israelites. The walls loomed above them in the same way many tensions and troubles stand in our way – finances, family, work, health, relationships – we strive to overcome them and often struggle. As we study this incredible book, God's answer for Joshua can provide guidance for us to see our Jerichos conquered through the power Jesus promises.

**Friday, January 21 - 10p -6a  
All Night Prayer**

Join us for a night of prayer and worship as we seek the Lord together.

**A Reminder of our New  
Gathering Worship Times  
9a + 11a**

At DPC, our mission has always been to gather people to Jesus Christ and then lead them to biblical maturity for the multiplication of believers, leaders, and churches. We do this with a focus on the presence of God. This change in worship times will better serve our church and the community we desire to reach. It will also aid in preparing us for the launch of our gatherings in our new church facility in the near future!

## GROW

**Thursday, January 13, 7p - 9p  
Launch of our Winter  
Semester of Growth Phases**

Our next session of Growth Phases kicks off on January 13th! Be sure to get signed up now at the Next Steps table.

**Sunday, January 16 –  
Saturday, January 22  
7-Day Corporate Fast**

Join us for a week of prayer, fasting, consecration.

## GIVE

**"His Blueprint" Capital  
Campaign - He Has Chosen Us!**

We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign!

Goal by June 2022  
\$220,000

Commitment Levels:

One time Legacy Gifts

20K - Gold Legacy Gift

10K - Silver Legacy Gift

1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

Monthly Pledges

\$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

## GO

**Be on the lookout for more  
opportunities to serve our  
community in the upcoming  
weeks.**