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“Joshua - Man of Courage & Commitment”

Texts: Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18; 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Purpose: To become people of courage and commitment in our war against spiritual forces.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Joshua 1.

- a. How might Joshua have felt after his mentor died considering his history with the people?
- b. What truth does God reiterate throughout the chapter?
- c. What are the various elements here that would have greatly encouraged Joshua?
- d. What are God's promises to Joshua? Discuss their relevance to us today.

2. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-10.

- a. What is Paul's initial command to Timothy in this passage? Discuss it in depth. Go around the room and tell how each of you have, at one time or another, experienced the strength of the Lord's grace.
- b. It seems from the book of 2 Timothy that Timothy was struggling with faith and confidence. See 1:3-10, 13-14; 2:15. Discuss how easy it is to struggle with these kinds of temptations.

3. The real truth is we struggle, not with physical forces, but with spiritual forces (See Ephesians 6:10-18). What were some of the spiritual forces that Joshua struggled with? How do they differ today?

4. What are some ways the church (for example, Valley PCA) can wage war against spiritual forces?

Children's questions:

1. Tell the story of Joshua and what he did after his friend, Moses, died.
2. How difficult do you think it would be if all the sudden you were responsible for your brothers and sisters, cousins, and friends.
3. What were some of the things God told Joshua as he took charge of all the people of Israel?
4. Do you think God's promises to Joshua are the same to us or are they different today?
5. What do you think are our biggest struggles in life today? How can God help us deal with them?