

Joshua - Joshua's Charge

Joshua 1:1-18

The promises of God are ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ

1. Themes in Joshua's Charge

Promises of God

- V 1-4
- **Fuel** for courage comes from the promises of a faithful God - the command to be strong and courageous is not an exhortation to wage war powerfully and fearlessly but rather a call to respond in faith and trust in God

Presence of God

- V 5, 9, 17
- If God's promises are the fuel for strength and courage, then God's presence is the **foundation** for that strength and courage

Hebrews 13:5-7 (ESV)

Priority of God's Word

- V 7-8
- With God's promises as the fuel for strength and courage, and God's presence the foundation for strength and courage, a priority on God's Word becomes the **forge** of strength and courage

2. See Jesus

- In Christ, we have a new and better leader
- In Christ we have the fulfiller and fulfillment of all God's promises
 - 2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV)
- In Christ we have the eternal presence
 - John 14:16 (ESV)
- In Christ we have the living Word who fulfills the written Word
 - Revelation 19:13 (ESV)

3. Applications

- a. Remember God's faithfulness - Deuteronomy 32:4 (ESV)
- b. Relish God's presence - Psalm 16:11 (ESV)
- c. Read God's Word - Psalm 1:1-2 (ESV)