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Four Dimensions of Being Strong and Courageous

Claim the Promises of God.

God said to Joshua, “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.” (v. 6)

Our prayer does not force God fulfill his promises, and we certainly don't have to remind him about the promises He made. When we claim the promises of God, we acknowledge that we are helpless to achieve these things on our own. We also remind ourselves that if God has requested action from us to fulfill the promise, then we must act.

Obey God.

God said to Joshua, “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.” (v. 7)

Be obedient to God even when it's hard. He will give you the power if you have the will. God promised the Israelites who left Egypt that they would enter the promised land. And so they did—and fearfully turned back. It took 40 years to try again. This time they were strong and courageous. And the promise was fulfilled.

Have Courage in God.

God said to Joshua, “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.” (v. 9)

When you're following God, God is with you wherever you go -- even behind enemy lines. Don't be afraid. Stand on the promises of God to tear down strongholds. And trust him that he will tell you how.

Take Authority over Strongholds.

The people said to Joshua, “Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!” (v. 18)

Take authority over the enemy strongholds in your life. They can be hard battles but you are a warrior, and the enemy stronghold cannot stand against you and Jesus Christ.

