

Title: **"BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE"**

Text: **Joshua 1**

**(I) A THREEFOLD WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD**

- 1. Be strong and of good courage (Joshua 1:6)**
- 2. Only be strong and very courageous (Joshua 1:7)**
- 3. Be strong and of good courage (Joshua 1:9)**

**(II) A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING OUTSTANDING IN LIFE**

**1. To lead people**

- a) Joshua to take over the reins of leadership from Moses
- b) To lead Israel into the Promised Land
- c) To cause them to inherit the land

**2. To lead by walking in God's ways**

- a) To observe the law of Moses (**Joshua 1:7b**)
- b) To be sure that there will be no turning to the right or left (**Joshua 1:7c**)
- c) To believe that success would come from walking in obedience (**Joshua 1:7d-8**)
- d) To be committed to meditate on The Book of the Law (**Joshua 1:8**)

**(III) A POWERFUL GUARANTEE GIVEN**

**1. The promise of God (Joshua 1:1-4)**

- a) Gift of the Promised Land (**Joshua 1:2-4**)
- b) No enemy will prevail (**Joshua 1:5a**)

## **2. The Presence of God (Joshua 1:5)**

- a) As I was with Moses, so I will be with you
- b) I will not leave you
- c) I will not forsake you

### **(IV) APPROPRIATE RESPONSE NEEDED**

- 1. To believe what God has promised**
- 2. To act on what God had promised**
- 3. To find that strength and courage**
- 4. To take up the challenge to live a life that is strong and courageous**