

It's Time to Be Bold: Illuminating Jesus for a Dark and Dying World

Be Bold

Joshua 1:1-9

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Context:

Whether it's as a church or as individuals, we can flourish when we step out in faith and illuminate Jesus for a dark and dying world. The world needs Jesus. It's time to "Be Bold!"

In this passage, Israel was on the doorstep of the Promised Land. All the people needed to do was cross the Jordan River. But waiting on the other side was Canaan, and a city called Jericho. It was not friendly territory. But this is where God placed them. Now, in order to inherit the land, Joshua would need to boldly follow God and lead his people to their new homeland.

Key Scripture – Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all

3. Generosity is something that changes us and challenges us in ways that few things in our faith do because it is such a denial of self and such a trusting in God. Have you ever been BOLD in your generosity before? What do you think it will mean to be BOLD in your generosity in this next season for Ridgewood Church?

4. Take a moment and pray about what God might be leading you to give to help move Illuminate forward.

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC

Boldly Trust God: When it came time to cross the Jordan River, God gave Joshua specific instructions. He needed to trust God. Shining a light in our city means that we boldly step out and follow God's leading. - Joshua 3:1-14

