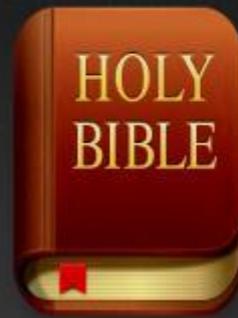


# COMMUNION & OFFERING





**YouVersion**<sup>®</sup>  
The Bible App™

Read, Listen, Watch, Share

Get the **FREE** Bible App  
for your phone or tablet at  
[bible.com/app](http://bible.com/app)

# **Strong & Courageous**

**12 MEN & 12 ROCKS**

**PASTOR JEFF SOUDERS-JULY 28TH 2024**



Discouragement =

the Loss of  
something

*No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. “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. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 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.”* **Joshua 1:5-9**

Encouragement

=

what you give to  
someone ahead  
of time.

# **Symptoms of discouragement:**

- Frustration
- Fatigue
- Failure
- Fear
- Constant criticism
- Bitterness over the past
- Being taken for granted

# **A. Your courage is only as good as what you've put your confidence in**

**Vs 5**” No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**Vs 9** “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.”

## **B. Discouragement is an indication of misplaced confidence**

*And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. **Romans 5:5***

- Where have you placed your confidence?

- How can you put your confidence in God, and then be filled with courage?

*So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”* **Joshua 4:4-7**

*<sup>8</sup> So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. <sup>9</sup> Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been<sup>[a]</sup> in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.*

**Joshua 4:8-9**

# Lesson:

Don't miss... What's happening in the **middle** because you're in such a hurry to get to the other side