

IronWorks: FORTITUDE
9/23 & 28/ 2022 - Roger Thompson
“Confidence in God” Joshua 1

Promise Principle:

Hear God’s promises through simply reading and reflecting on his Word with a small group of brothers

- Bereanmn.com/small-groups
- Contact Bob Little—boblittle@comcast.net
- First week reading: Joshua 1

FORTITUDE: strength of mind to encounter danger, or bear pain and adversity with courage.

What is the most courageous thing you’ve ever done?

- The world and resume of Joshua:

- 1300 B.C.

- Aide to Moses
 - ◇ Disappointed: Overruled by the majority (Numbers 14:6-9)
 - ◇ Sobered: Ten struck dead (Numbers 14:36-38)
 - ◇ Saddened: A generation dies in the desert (Numbers 26:65)
 - ◇ Delayed: Forty years in the desert

Joshua: strong and courageous:

- Stood as the minority voice

- Stepped up to lead: (Joshua 1:1-2)

- Left no one behind: (Joshua 1:2)

- Believed God for something he couldn’t see (Joshua 1:3-4)

- Moved toward conflict: (Joshua 1:5-6)

- Overcame fear with faithfulness (Joshua 1:7-9)

- Embraced FORTITUDE as a way of life!

Fear grows when I dwell on the unknown.

Fortitude grows when I humbly follow.

Fear dominates when I focus on the opposition.

Fortitude is strengthened with clarity.

Discouragement dominates when I dwell on the past.

Fortitude is found in Worship: "The Lord your God is with you."

Discouragement dominates when I try to be someone I'm not.

Fortitude cultivates the constant presence of God

Groups discussion:

1. What IS the most courageous thing you've ever done? Do any of these examples in Joshua's life trigger a memory of when you exercised fortitude?