



**Introduction:**

- Have you ever found yourself in such overwhelming circumstances that you felt totally afraid...like you were going to come unraveled at the seams? What do you do when you've been given more than you can handle?
- This morning we're going to look at a man from the Old Testament who found himself facing overwhelming circumstances. He felt too weak for the task and scared out of his boots. But God gave him a promise. And because he trusted in the unchanging promise of God, he overcame his fear and trepidation and went on not only to be successful but also invincible.

**When life seems more than you can handle...  
you can be strong and courageous knowing**

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**God Gave Joshua Three Promises:**

1. God promised Joshua He would make him \_\_\_\_\_ at his God-appointed task (Joshua 1:3-4).
2. God promised Joshua He would make him \_\_\_\_\_ in regards to those who would oppose what God called him to do (v. 5).

But the key to the first two promises would be the third promise God was about to make to Joshua:

**God promised Joshua \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you" (v. 5b).*

After giving Joshua the promise of His presence, He quickly follows that up with three commands Joshua was to do based on His promise!

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the task I've given you (v. 6).
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in following My Word (v. 7-8).
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ because I am with you (v. 9)!

**A Necessary Vocabulary Lesson:**

*Leave/fail* (KJV) –

*Strong* –

Because God will never fail...  
...we can be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Forsake* –

*Courageous* –

Because God will never abandon us...  
...we can be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

\_\_\_\_\_ God's promise: I will never leave you or forsake you!  
Be \_\_\_\_\_!