

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.



Have you sometimes feel alone or sometimes feeling not enough courage to go forward in your task or even in your life? This is an excellent verse and a God's promise for us. The background of this verse is God was appointing Joshua as the new leader of the Israelites since Moses has just died. God instructed Joshua to lead the people across the Jordan River into the Promised Land which they effectively marking the beginning of Israel's occupation of Canaan under Joshua's leadership. The important points of this verse are:

God have instructed Moses and Joshua before. God also have instructed us through His words in the Bible. Moses and Joshua knew God's commands well. We also need to know God's words and commands well. We need to read the Bible often and meditate on it. That is the way to know God's will.

God told Joshua not to be dismayed as He is telling us today. We often feel the task or situation in front of us is huge and difficult. We can be discouraged. God tells us not to be frightened but be strong. Our faith can be strengthened by knowing how God had led Joshua and how God has led you in the past.

God was with Joshua as He is with us today. You are not alone. God is with you to deal with your task or your situation when you seek Him and obey Him. That is a promise!