

...the main points again

Discontinuity and Continuity
Maintaining doctorwhoness

Deuteronomy 1.37-38
The need to let go and to encourage what comes after...

A time to mourn and reflect...
*The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days,
until the time of weeping and mourning was over*
- Deuteronomy 34.8

Grieving the right thing- the end of a guide NOT the end of a vision
A limited time to mourn

A time to move on
*Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get
ready to cross the Jordan River*
- Joshua 1.2, cf. Luke 9.60

The King is dead,; long live the King!

Two reassurances given to Joshua:

1. God's promise remains...
A promise that is given BUT needs to be taken hold of...
The gift will be received when it is seized'

2. God's presence
*As I was with Moses so will I be with you
As the Father sent me, so am I sending you* – John 20.21

Continuity and discontinuity at the resurrection

The only danger is not of God leaving us but us leaving God



God's promise and God's presence will not mean no doubt and no difficulty
BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS!!

Advice on how to keep strong and courageous
- Keeping the main thing the main thing
*Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get
to where you're going.*
- *Joshua 1.7, The Message*

Becoming successful by realising your part in the grand promise of God

- Reading God's word to live

God's presence is the ultimate contingency plan for believers. It is the final solution for fears and pressures.

**Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged.
GOD, your God, is with you every step you take**

...So what...

Before you begin, read Ecclesiastes 3.1-8
What time do you feel you are in at the moment?
What time do you feel our world is in?
What time do you feel our church is in?

Read Deuteronomy 1.37-38 and 34.5-9
What preparations for the transition in Joshua 1 can you read about here?
Discuss the verses in relation to the idea of continuity and discontinuity...

Read Joshua 1.2
The tone is different here.
Read Luke 9.60- is there a time for us to move on with urgency even in the face of personal suffering?

Read Joshua 1.2-5
Joshua is reassured by the promise of God that continues BUT it is a promise that has to be seized to take effect...does that make it less than a promise?
Do we have to seize faith in order to receive it?

Joshua is reassured by the continuing presence of God
Consider together,
As I was with Moses so will I be with you
As the Father sent me, so am I sending you – John 20.21
Think about continuity and discontinuity at the resurrection?
In what sense do we continue Jesus' ministry?

In all of this, God's promise and presence will not mean no doubts or difficulties
Discuss together the advice to stay on track in Joshua 1.7-8

Pray together and for each other and the church through v.9

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REGENERATION Joshua 1

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Devoted to Christ, his people, his mission