

Sermon Notes:

- I. The Command: Be strong and courageous
 - a. Courage is that willingness to deny my own flesh and do what is noble, regardless of the cost.
 - b. C.S. Lewis, "Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point, which means, at the point of its highest reality. A chastity or honesty or mercy which yields to danger will be chaste or honest or merciful only on conditions. Pilate was merciful till it became risky."
- II. The Warning: Obey God's Word
 - a. Matthew 28:18-20
 - b. Do not turn to the right or to the left
 - i. Obedience is instant.
 - ii. Obedience is exact.
 - iii. Obedience is with care.
 - iv. Obedience is constant.
 - c. Meditate on God's Word
- III. The Promise: I will be with you wherever you go
 - a. The only promise in the Bible with real consequence.
 - i. If God is not with us, then anything He has asked us to do becomes null and void.
 - ii. The New Testament says that only with Christ are all things possible.
 - b. Romans 8:38-39

God asked Joshua to lead a nation. He was specific on who He wanted Joshua to be, a man defined by courage. He was specific on what He wanted Joshua to do, obey His Word. And He was specific on how Joshua would be empowered to accomplish God's mission. These same principles apply to us today.