

# Scripture

## Joshua 1:1-9

Look for our event!



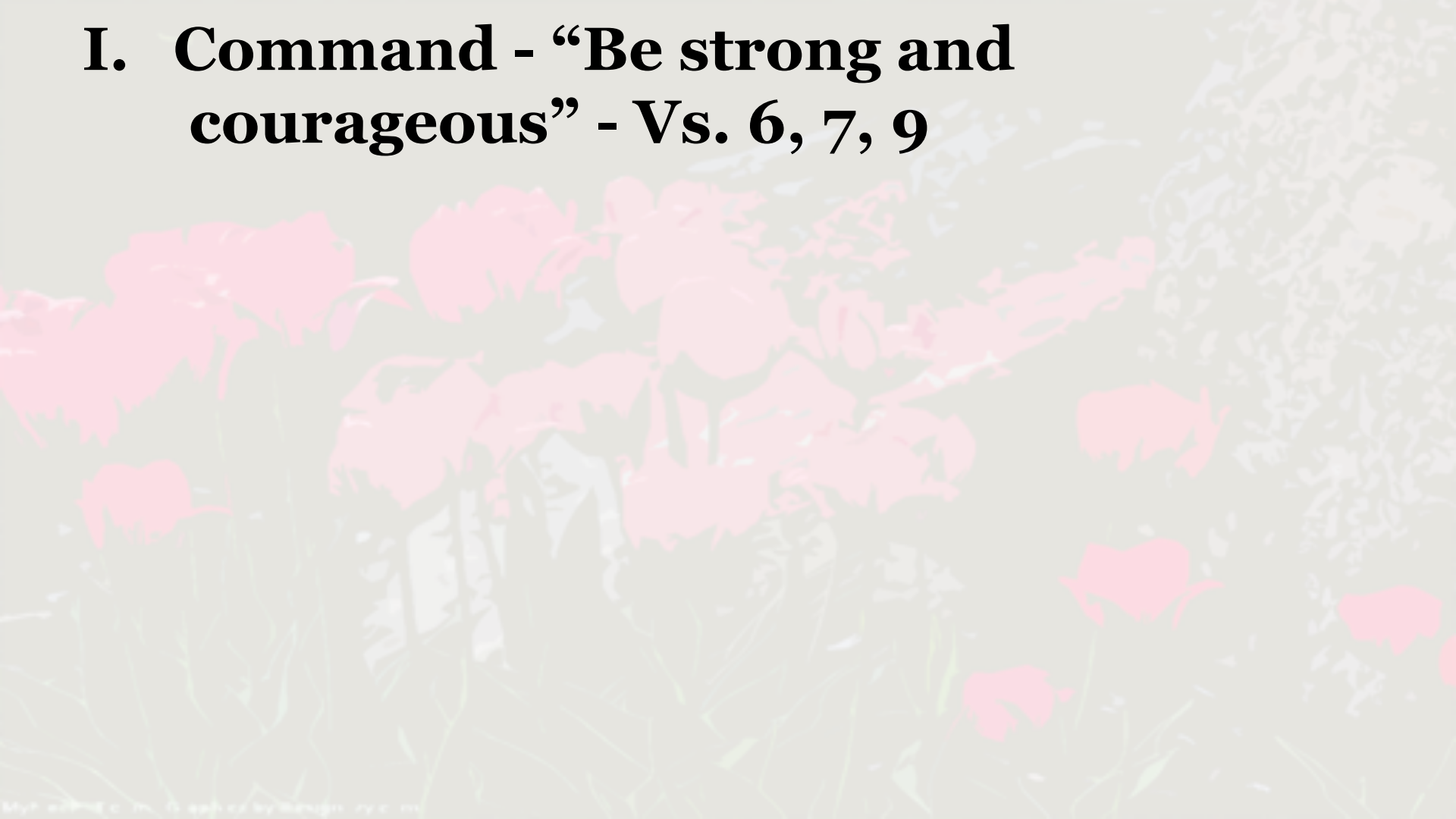
A background image featuring a cluster of pink tulips in the foreground, with a grey stone wall and some greenery in the background. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The stone wall is made of irregular, light-colored stones.

Courage

# “Character Counts” - Week Twelve

3/28/2021

# **I. Command - “Be strong and courageous” - Vs. 6, 7, 9**





Spiritual strength for believers is essentially an attitude of courage, and it includes such virtues as courage of conviction, courage to be uncompromising, courage to confront error and false doctrine, and courage to face intimidation and persecution and still remain true to what is right. A strong Christian is one who lives by principle rather than whim or opinion. He doesn't always seek the easy path or safe place but faces various challenges,...

takes serious risks when necessary, and stands firm against opposition to the truth. He is decisive and has fixed purposes and goals, and he moves forward even if it's a painful struggle at times.

**~John MacArthur,  
The Pillars of Christian Character**

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## **II Timothy 1:7 -**

God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

## **II. Three Qualities of the Courageous:**

### **A. The Courageous are People of Purpose - 1:1-6**

#### **I Peter 2:9 -**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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#### **Romans 1:6 -**

We have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations.

#### **Matthew 28:18-**

Go and make disciples of all nations.



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**Acts 13:47 -**

For so the Lord has commanded us, “I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.”

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#### **Philippians 2:15 -**

We are called to be “blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”

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#### **I Peter 2:11-12 -**

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

## **II. Three Qualities of the Courageous:**

### **B. The Courageous Act on Conviction**

**- 1:7-8**



Joshua knew Moses, the writer of the Pentateuch, personally. Joshua knew his strengths and weaknesses as a man; he knew that Moses was a sinner, that Moses made mistakes, that Moses was just a man. Nonetheless, immediately after Moses's death Joshua accepted the Pentateuch as more than the writing of Moses. He accepted it as the writing of God. Two or three hundred years were not required for the book to become sacred. As far as Joshua was....

concerned the Pentateuch was the canon, and the canon was the Word of God. The biblical view of the growth and acceptance of the canon is as simple as this: When it was given, God's people understood what it was. Right away it had authority.

**~Francis Schaeffer,  
Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History**

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#### **I Kings 2:2-3 -**

I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.

## **II. Three Qualities of the Courageous:**

### **C. The Courageous are Confident in Christ's Presence - 1:5, 9**

#### **Hebrews 13:5-6 -**

He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”



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**Matthew 28:20 -**

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

**I Cor. 16:13 -**

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.