**Joshua 1:16-18** *And they answered Joshua, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you, as he was with Moses! 18 Whoever rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous."*

**Seven lessons from Joshua**

1. **God’s call is to be strong and courageous**. Be strong: to stand firm, solid (not easily broken) withstand, holdfast. Be courageous: having the ability to do something difficult or dangerous.

1. **Stones of remembrance** Share the stories God’s amazing deliverance, protection, provision, and love. What stones are you setting up as a reminder of God’s care for you and your family?

Are you faithful to use opportunities and questions to share with your children?

1. **Carefully complete God’s commands**. Do what you already know is right. Are you truly set apart for God’s purposes? Are you neglecting something God has already instructed?
2. **Corporate obedience**. They did not have better weapons or a more cunning battle plan.
3. **Personal responsibility & obedience** Temptations are all around us. We must learn to shift our focus away. Our desires should never be to obtain or possess what we know is wrong. We may hide our sin from others, but we cannot hide it from God. Numbers 32:23 Be sure your sin will find you out ESV notes, God in his providential knowledge and sovereign oversight of all things, always knows whether his people are faithful and will not endure unfaithfulness among them. Sin can cost us and our family. Joshua 7:24-25 We can fight our temptations the same way Jesus did, with the Word of God. Purpose in our hearts to live pleasing to God.
4. **Stay your course**. Joshua 23:12-13 “For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they will be a snare and a trap for you,”

Joshua 23:16 “If you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land that he has given to you.”

1. **Personal application** It is easy for us to slip into complacency and quiet rebellion. When is the best time to take inventory of your life? Today

**What is wisdom?**

**It is the right use or exercise of knowledge. It is the discerning or judging of what is most just, proper and useful.**

**When is the best time to take inventory of your life?**

**Now, is the best time to seek God with a humble heart of obedience.**