

Sermon Notes – January 28, 2018
Fear Not! (*Joshua 1:6-9*)

As Joshua begins his ministry after the death of Moses, God doesn't instruct Joshua on military strategy; rather, He continues His preparation of Joshua by encouraging him to heed the instructions of "the book", which is the Law of Moses. Conquering fear is a greater priority than knowing a plan. How do we conquer fear?

- I. Accept the authority of Scripture as the Word of God.
 - A. Joshua accepted the Pentateuch as the authoritative canon.
 - 1. He knew the author for 40 years.
 - 2. He was mentored by the author for 40 years.
 - 3. He saw the power of God through Moses for 40 years.
 - B. Jesus accepted the Old Testament as the Word of God.
 - 1. Jesus believed the prophets were inspired. (Luke 4:17-21)
 - 2. Jesus believed the Old Testament presented the gospel. (Luke 24:25-27)
 - C. Peter accepted the letters of Paul as Holy Scripture.
 - 1. Paul's letters testified of inspiration. (2 Peter 3:14-16)
 - 2. Paul claimed inspiration. (I Corinthians 14:37)

- II. Keep ALL the commands of Scripture as the Word of God.
 - A. Joshua was given three priorities:
 - 1. Talk about Scripture.
 - 2. Meditate on Scripture.
 - 3. Practice Scripture in daily life.
 - B. Jesus gave the disciples His priorities:
 - 1. Keep commandments. (John 15:13-14)
 - 2. Love God with entire being. (Matthew 22:34-40)
 - 3. Make God the priority in daily practice. (Matthew 6:33)