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Weekly Development: Courage/Risk-Taking

Read Joshua 1:1-9

Leaders need courage to make the tough decisions they're faced with every day. Joshua certainly faced such a crisis in his leadership role. Not only did he have to contend with the military powers rooted in the promised land, but he also had to face them with an untrained band of nomadic shepherds.

God realized Joshua's need for courage and gave him guidance that would strengthen his faith. First, he reminded Joshua of his faithfulness to keep all of his promises (v. 3-6). God had pledged to give the land to his people and he would fulfill that pledge. Joshua's success didn't rest on a military strategy or well-trained army, but on the faithfulness of God. Second, God commanded Joshua

to meditate on his words that Moses recorded in the five books of the Pentateuch (v. 7-8). The "Book of the Law" would give the wisdom and encouragement Joshua would need to courageously lead the nation. Third, God promised to be personally present with Joshua (v. 9). No matter how intimidating the enemy or how rebellious the people, Joshua would not have to face them alone. God would always be at his side.

The same sources of courage that empowered Joshua are available today for any leader who will accept them. When faced with a risky business decision, the godly leader will look to God in prayer and to God's revealed Word for the perspective and courage needed to make the right choice. What situation are you now

facing that requires courageous leadership and risk-taking? Let God's words to Joshua supply you with the courage you need.

Passage to memorize this week:

Joshua 1:9—
"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."



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Can You See God?

A small boy once approached his slightly older sister with a question about God. "Susie, can anybody ever really see God?" he asked.

Busy with other things, Susie curtly replied: "No, of course not silly. God is so far up in heaven that nobody can see him."

Time passed, but his ques-

tion still lingered so he approached his mom: "Mom, can anybody ever really see God?" "No, not really," she gently said. "God is a spirit and he dwells in our hearts, but we can never really see Him."

Somewhat satisfied but still wondering, the youngster went on his way. Not long afterwards, his saintly old grandfa-

ther took the little boy on a fishing trip.

They were having a great time together. The sun was beginning to set with unusual splendor and the grandfather stared silently at the exquisite beauty unfolding before them.

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August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Upcoming Events



- August 1-4
Vacation Bible School
- August 2—
TTYL
- August 5—
VBS Clean-Up
- August 6-7
Guy's Camp Out

God Speaks

In 1998, an anonymous client gave the Smith Advertising Agency in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, \$150,000 to create an advertising campaign to reach people who used to be faithful to a religion but had drifted away. The result was a humorous, thought-provoking, non-denominational series of quotes from God, run on billboards. The campaign called "God Speaks" began running in September 1998, and the billboards were scheduled to be up for three months.

The campaign created such a positive response that the Outdoor Advertising Association of America picked it as its public-service campaign for the year and began running it in two hundred cities nation wide. The billboards have been featured on the *Today* show, *ABC World News*

Tonight with Peter Jennings, and CNN and covered by more than two thousand newspapers and countless local radio and television stations.

Throughout the Campaign more than one hundred lines were created and eighteen of those were chosen to run

as ads in Fort Lauderdale. Due to the campaigns great success, Charles Robb decided to include all of the over one hundred lines in a book conveniently titled, "God Speaks." Each

week a new quote from the book will be included in this section.

Sometimes you act like
I don't even exist.

— God

Words of Great Wisdom

1. All persons make mistakes. And all mistakes can be forgiven.
2. Be truthful at all times. Honesty is the test of ones will within this universe.
3. Make conscious decisions as to who you will be and how you will react. Be responsible for your own actions.
4. Be true to yourself first. You cannot nurture and help others if you cannot nurture and help yourself first.
5. Bad thoughts cause illness of the mind, body and spirit. Practice optimism.
6. Rise with the sun to pray. Pray alone. Pray often. The Spirit will listen, if you only speak.
7. Be tolerant of those who are lost on their path. Ignorance, conceit, anger, jealousy and greed stem from a lost soul. Pray that they will find guidance.

Nails In The Fence

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his

father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

The little boy then understood how powerful his words were. He looked up at his father and said "I hope you can forgive me father for the holes I put in you."

"Of course I can," said the father.



See

grandfather reflecting such deep peace and contentment, the little boy thought for a moment and finally spoke hesitatingly:

"Granddad, I--I-- wasn't going to ask anybody else, but I wonder if you can tell me the answer to something I've been wondering about a long time. Can anybody - can anybody ever really see God?"

The old man did not even turn his



head. A long moment slipped by before he finally answered. "Son," he quietly said. "It's getting so I can't see anything else."