



- The Word of God is a chronicle of God calling men to lead!
- There is no greater and more critical area of leadership for men than in the family.
- God is looking for fathers who will answer the call of leadership in their homes.
- Today, we will examine the encouragement for leadership that God gave to Joshua and, by extension, to every man here this morning.

First, God Has A Track Record You Can Trust (5)

- *“There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” Joshua 1:5*
- God had a track record of standing behind His leaders. He is not afraid for us to examine His résumé.

Second, God Delights To Show Himself Strong Through Our Weakness (6-9)

- Joshua was so aware of his own inadequacies and limitations that the Lord had to tell him three times to be courageous.

- *“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.”* **1 Corinthians 1:26-29**

Third, God Gives Confidence Through His Word

- Fear comes when our source of security is not strong enough to sustain us.
- *“And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”* **Luke 24:32**

Fourth, God’s Presence With Us More Than Compensates For The Challenges Around Us

- *“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”* **Joshua 1:9**