

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: *At the onset of the Book of Joshua, God challenged Joshua three times to “be strong and courageous.” The young leader had been charged with the enormous task of leading God’s people into the promised land, a task wrought with fierce opposition. God had declared to Joshua that the promised land was his, that He had already given Joshua the land (Josh. 1:4-5). This, however, did not mean that Joshua could walk into the land, stake a flag in it, and claim it for Israel. Taking the promised land would not be easy. It would require tremendous strength and courage. Taking the promised land required an active trust in and obedience to God. The fact that the nations around Israel did not trust the Lord led them to be controlled by their own fears. In contrast to these nations, we will see that Joshua’s active trust in and obedience to God freed him from being controlled by his fears. The same is true for the mission God has given us today. Making disciples and living for God’s glory requires an active trust in His promises and active obedience to His commands. When we actively trust God’s Word, we can engage in the mission He has given us without fear.*

Encourage your son or daughter to look to God for strength in his or her day-to-day tasks and responsibilities. Remind them of God’s promise in 2 Timothy 1:7 and write this verse on a note card or chalkboard so that it is visible somewhere in your home this week.

CENTRAL TRUTH

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PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- **Dwell:** Read Psalm 46. Where did the psalmist turn in his time of trouble? What can you learn from his prayer? How should the promises of God in this prayer give you strength in your day-to-day life? Set aside some time to meditate on the truths of this Psalm, particularly how God’s infinite power and certain promises empower you to live on mission for Him.
- **Memorize:** Joshua 1:7
- **Pray:** Thank God for His promises and His Word which empower us to live without fear. Ask Him to help you lean on the promises in His Word, and to trust in the power He promises to provide as you seek to live on mission for Him. Ask Him to help you have the heart of Joshua, who was unswervingly focused on the mission God had given him.