

***Life Verse: A Close Encounter***

*“Be Strong and Courageous”*

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9 (NIV)*

We all have fears.

Afraid=

- Feeling fear or anxiety, frightened
- More worried that something undesirable will come.
- Unwilling or reluctant to do something for fear of the consequences.

Hoshea= “salvation”

Joshua = “the LORD is Salvation”

Joshua 1:9

Fear looks to the past, freezes in the present, and is blinded to the future.

Fear is a roadsign, not a destination.

Fear is an emotion.

*Eventually your emotions catch up to your obedience. – Carey Nieuwhof*

Strength becomes strength

Over time

With resistance

Courage is only courage if there’s something in the midst of which one needs courage.

Courage learns from the past, is faithful in the present, and trusts God with the future.

Courage = faithful with the what because of the Who in light of the why

*God takes full responsibility for the heart fully devoted to Him. – Charles Stanley*

Joshua had:

Moses – Legacy

Caleb – Accountability

The People – Community

Expose your fear, shift your focus, get in The Word, get on your knees, & get in community.

Focus on your Savior

rather than your circumstance.

Verses on Confidence in God

**1 John 4:18**

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

**Isaiah 35:3-4**

“Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;  
say to those with fearful hearts,  
‘Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you.’”

**Isaiah 41:10**

“So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

**Psalms 27:1**

“The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?”

**Romans 8:31**

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Because of who God is,  
I choose to be strong and courageous  
today and not be afraid of...