

“Courage”

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Last week – “DESTINY”

- Love Jesus
- Love people
- Never compare

The point: “No matter where you’ve been or what you’ve done, you can be re-launched into your destiny – loving Jesus, loving people, eyes on Him.”

Context:

- Israel was God’s chosen vessel to bring healing and redemption to a broken world.
- 40 years earlier, Israel panicked, rebelled and wandered in the Sinai.
- Israel is presently camped on the east side of the Jordan River/Dead Sea.
- The Promised Land is filled with people suffering the effects of sin, wound and pain.
- Israel is tired, afraid, and under new leadership – Moses is handing the reigns to Joshua.
- Israel’s future...and the future of the world...are dependent on their obedience.

Moses says:

1. “Have courage...do not be afraid”
2. “Because God goes with you and will not leave or abandon you.”

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“In the world you have tribulation; but take courage. I have overcome the world.”

Jesus of Nazareth

The point: “We can live our destiny boldly and with courage...because our powerful God is always with us and will never leave us.”