# *Third Street Church*

# *Midweek Prayer and Bible Study*

# *Wednesday, June 3, 2020 - 6pm*

**Introductions/ Welcome/ Opening Prayer: Pastor Reid**

*Moment of Silent Prayer in memory of George Floyd and those lives lost to COVID19*

**The Word: Read Joshua Chapter 1**

**Key verse 1:9***Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

***Reflection:***

The first chapter of Joshua divides into three sections and consist largely of speeches. The first section (vv.1-9) contains the Lord’s words to Joshua charging him to assume the leadership position opened up by the death of Moses. The second section (vv.10-15) recounts Joshua’s initial response, charging the “officers of the people” and the Transjordan tribes to prepare to cross the Jordan into Canaan. The final section records the people’s resolve to follow Joshua as they had followed Moses (vv.16-18).

The Israelites were about to go a uncertain place. They were moving forward into a new land. God wants us to develop a “presenting forward” faith that actively seeks God’s will, in keeping with “I will give you every place where you set your foot” (1:3).In these times of COVID19, George Floyd’s tragic death and inadequate leadership in our nation’s highest office, we must hear the words God spoke to Joshua, *Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”(1:9)*

***Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion***

We conclude study of James today. Please feel free to join in during the study we all learn and are studying God’s Word together. This conference call study is not to judge but to support and fellowship as people of faith.

1. What is the context of Joshua 1, where does it take place? What happened just before this book begins?
2. What encouraged you most about this opening chapter of Joshua?
3. Write down a Biblical principle to follow from the facts you found in verses 1-5.
4. What kinds of things might Joshua be tempted to fear if he were to allow himself to dwell on his anxieties? What does it mean to be “Be strong and courageous”? What is the relationship between fear and faith? In these times can you be courageous and still be fearful?
5. What does it mean to meditate on the word of God? v.8. How does God work through his word to renew our minds?
6. God has promised to be with us in every circumstance even when we’re afraid- “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (1:15). What other scriptures gives us this assurance?
7. Carefully find the 7 commands that God gave to Joshua in ( vv 6-9. Which ones did he repeat? Which of these commands gives you most comfort today?
8. What happens in the following chapter 2? Share one or two events from that chapter with the group that inspires you today.

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:**

It is important to have a day of rest, a Sabbath in our lives v.1:13.(See Ex. 20:8-11 and Deut. 5:12-15). Make sure you establish your Sabbath weekly a time free from threat. A time of peace and well-being is essential in the Christian life.

**What Inspires you these days?**

It may seem like there is little today to inspire us. Hold on to inspiration find it in the midst of troubling times. Where do you find inspiration and hope these days? Is it a song, hymn, scripture or special reading? How has it helped inspire you? If you feel led, please share with the group.

﻿**Faith in Action:**. As Christians we are *the hands and feet of Christ in the world*. Let your light so shine so that others can see Christ in you! The physical church doors are closed but we are the church wherever we are. Give, share, pray, reach out.  ***We are the Church.*** Reaching out : text, call, email, US mail or virtual, that is our mission as body of Christ.

**Evening Prayer- Pastor Reid. Let us lift up people/situations in God’s world for prayer** *In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

***George Floyd’s family his sisters, brother, daughters.* Followed by** *The Lord’s Prayer*

**Words of Sending:**
L: My brothers and Sisters in Christ go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
**ALL: in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week!

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid