

Living Water Fellowship

3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
24TH JANUARY 2021

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Gracious Jesus, Light of the World, into the shadows of our isolation you call us into your promises. You call us from individual security to lead us deeply into the world you love. With your mighty hand you redeem the broken places of our lives and you heal the wounded places of the earth. Inspire us who are freed in you and filled to overflowing with your Spirit, to boldly share your love throughout the earth. We pray in your name, Amen

SONG: Lord Be the Rising (AT 676)

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Joshua 1:1-11 & 2 Timothy 1:3-10

FAITH CHAT:

THE MESSAGE: *RE-SET COURAGE*

SONG: So You Would Come (P&W 821)

PRAYERS:

COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion:

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

*(Name) † child of God,
In Christ, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW SONG: The Blessing

SHOW HIS LOVE

JOSHUA 1:1-11

After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. ³ I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— ⁴ from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea ⁵ in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. ⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

¹⁰ Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, ¹¹ "Go through the camp and tell the people to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you."

2 TIMOTHY 1:3-10

Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.

⁵ I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. ⁶ This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

⁸ So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. ⁹ For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Saviour. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Joshua 1:1-11 & 2 Timothy 1:3-10. What questions immediately come to mind? What did the death of Moses represent to Joshua? What purpose of God is Joshua called to pursue? What is significant about that calling?
2. According to Numbers 13 & 14, why had Israel failed to enter Canaan the first time? What was different now? What about Joshua would cause you to follow him?
3. What promises did God give Joshua in 1:5-9? What conditions did Joshua have to meet? Why does God repeatedly command Joshua to be "strong & courageous"?
4. Even though God is giving them the land, the Israelites still have to go & take it from the nations already there. How do God's sovereign promises & provision and His command to be "strong and very courageous" work together as the Israelites take possession of the Promised Land? What role does knowing scripture deeply play in deepening your relationship with God & receiving his blessings?
5. What do we learn in these verses about Paul's relationship with Timothy? How would you describe the emotional & spiritual connection? Why do you think this is so?
6. What does he mean to "fan into flames" the spiritual gift God gave Timothy? Why would Paul remind him to do so? In the next verse, Paul speaks against, "fear & timidity." Against what does Paul caution?
7. Why might some believers have kept their distance from Paul? How does Paul exhort Timothy? What can we learn from his challenge to "never be ashamed of our Lord or of me His prisoner"? Is it possible for a believer to pull away from identifying with other believers publicly, while still being bold for Christ? Why or why not?
8. For what purpose has God saved us? What are we to do with that gift now? How well is that going for you? What assistance would you like in your life of faith?