

The Conquest of Fear

Joshua 1:9; Romans 8:37-39

- A Zoo Story: “Attention All Staff!”
- At the edge of the Jordan River: “Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed . . .” Also, what’s going on with the conquest?
- Is fear sin?
- One fear, not zero: The Fear of the Lord
- When faith and fear collide
- One foot in front of the other: moving forward in active obedience
- Victory: “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

Questions for Application and Reflection

1. The verses in Joshua 1:6-9 are linked together by God’s command to Joshua to “be strong and courageous.” Why is Joshua able to be “strong and courageous” and without fear? What else can we learn from these verses? What does it say about the importance of the law of Moses and, consequently to us, the importance of all of Scripture?
2. How do you respond when your fears and faith collide? This is a great question to consider in light of the increase in Covid numbers.
 - a. What are your natural inclinations when you’re afraid?
 - b. In what ways can you move beyond your fears? How can your brothers and sisters in Christ be an encouragement to you in times when your fear is strong?
3. Last week Pastor Mark preached about “One fear, not zero: the fear of the Lord.” We’ve also returned to Fear of the Lord today. How does your understanding of the fear of the Lord help you in dealing with your fears?
4. In Romans 8, Paul says we are “more than conquerors.” Another way to state this is that we are super conquerors. It’s easy to gloss over this important phrase. What does it personally mean to you to be “more than conquerors?”