

In Joshua 1, Moses had died, and it was time for Joshua to step into the leadership role and take the Israelites into the Promised Land. What God had in store for him was undoubtedly scary. He had defeated opponents on the way, but the obstacles and responsibilities before him were far bigger and more intimidating than anything he had ever faced. Into his situation, God was saying: "I have already equipped and empowered you for every battle. This is your time. Don't be afraid. I am with you."

To take new ground in your life, you cannot stay in your comfort zone. What God has in store for you will frighten you at times, but that is okay; fear comes to us all. The key is to step forward in spite of what you feel and what your mind is telling you. You have been equipped for every battle. God is setting you up to go to a new level. In those scary places, you will discover strength, talent, determination, and perseverance you didn't know you had.

Joshua 1:9 "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."