

### ***Sermon Scripture Passage***

**Joshua 1:6-9** – Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

7 “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 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.”

### **Scripture Passages from the History of Israel:**

**Exodus 34:9** – And he [Moses] said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

**Numbers 16:4** – Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

**Judges 2:18-19** – Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the Lord relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. 19 But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.

**1 Samuel 8:6-9** – But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. 7 And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. 8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. 9 Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

**1 Kings 18:21** – Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing.

**Jeremiah 29:11, 14** – For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future...

14 I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

The Big Story: A Lamp to My Feet #6 – Israel’s History – Twelve Tribes, One God

Main Point: God our Father wants His People to \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and turn to Him alone.

Exodus 34:10 – Before Israel God will do \_\_\_\_\_, unlike what any other nation will see.

*What does it mean that the people of Israel are stiff-necked? See Exodus 34:9*

7 Stages of the Israel’s History

1. Desert Wandering \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

The Lord provided manna in the desert, but it could not be \_\_\_\_\_ up.

2. Conquest of the Promised Land \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua

What is the connection between faith in God and having courage to face danger?

3. The Period of the Judges \_\_\_\_\_ Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel

God used leaders/judges out of various \_\_\_\_\_ to save Israel from their enemies.

4. Unified under a King \_\_\_\_\_ I & II Samuel

*What reasons did the people of Israel want to have a king? What did God warn them of?*

5. The Divided Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ I & II Kings & I & II Chronicles

Israel was to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one God alone and not be like other nations.

6. Defeat and Exile \_\_\_\_\_ Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Esther

*Does knowing Jeremiah 29 was written after defeat and exile affect how we take it?*

7. Return from Exile \_\_\_\_\_ Ezra, Nehemiah

*How is God working in your life to teach you to turn to Him and not some other thing?*

*What would it look like for you to trust in Him with whatever you are currently facing?*