**Introduction**

God has called us to be his children and he has an assignment for us to do.

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**“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”**

Ephesians 2:10

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**I. God’s Call. Joshua 1:1-2**

Joshua’s call was very clear – to lead God’s people into the Promised Land. Yet even when God’s call was clear in Scripture, most of the people he called felt inadequate.

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**The call involved risk.**

The call required faith and obedience. A call is more than a vocation.

- We are called into God’s family.
- We are called to use our gifts for his glory.
- We each have our individual assignment from God.
So how do we discover our specific calling?

• We listen.
• We pray.
• We serve.

The way we discover our calling is by getting our feet wet.

II. God’s Encouragement. Joshua 1:3-5

Look at God’s promises to Joshua.

• Verse 3 – “I will give you every place your foot sets.”
• Verse 5 – “No one will be able to stand against you.”
• Verse 5 – “I will be with you.”

Consider God’s promises to us.

• Matthew 28:18-20 – “I am with you always.”
• John 15:16 – “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”
• II Corinthians 4:7 – “We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

We are cracked pots – “wounded healers”.

III. Our Obedience. Joshua 1:6-9 and 3:7-13

God said to Joshua – “Be strong and courageous... Be very careful to obey.”
God said to the priests – “Go and stand in the Jordan River.”
God said to the people – “Cross over on dry ground.”
God often asks us to get our feet wet and then he works.
What small step of faith does God want you to take?

Conclusion

It’s time to get out of the boat and get your feet wet.