

Sermon Reflection

Sermon Title: Now That I'm Here... What Do I Do? – August 16, 2026

Scripture

Joshua 1:1–5, 9; Joshua 3:11–13 (NKJV)

Key Thought

New seasons often bring uncertainty because we cannot see everything ahead. But God does not ask us to know every detail before we move. He asks us to trust where He is leading, remember where He has been faithful, and find strength in His presence.

Overview

Joshua found himself in a place he had never been before. Moses was gone, leadership had shifted, and an entire nation was looking to him for direction. Yet before Joshua knew exactly how everything would unfold, God told him to move forward.

Like Joshua, we will experience new seasons that leave us wondering, “Now that I’m here, what do I do?” This passage reminds us that we do not need all the answers to take the next step. We can move forward because God gives us direction, reminds us of His faithfulness, and promises to go with us.

Point 1

Trust Where God Is Leading You

Scripture

Joshua 1:2b (NKJV)

“Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them...”

Reflection

God told Joshua where to go before He explained exactly how they would get there. The direction came in Joshua 1, but the details of crossing the Jordan did not come until Joshua 3.

Sometimes God gives us enough direction to take the next step without giving us enough information to see the entire journey. Faith means trusting God's direction even when some of the details are still unclear.

Reflection Questions

Am I waiting for every detail before I move forward?

What has God already made clear that I need to act on?

Do I trust God's direction when I cannot see the entire path?

This Week's Application

Take the next step God has made clear.

Stop allowing unanswered questions to keep you from moving.

Trust that God will provide direction as you go.

Point 2

Remember God's Faithfulness

Scripture

Joshua 1:5b (NKJV)

"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you..."

Reflection

Joshua was entering a new season, but he was not entering it without evidence of God's faithfulness. He had seen God provide, protect, lead, and sustain His people under Moses. Now God reminded Joshua that the same God who had been faithful before would remain faithful in what came next.

When the future feels uncertain, sometimes we need to look back. Remembering what God has already brought us through gives us confidence to trust Him with what is ahead.

Reflection Questions

What has God already brought me through?

Have I forgotten God's past faithfulness because I am focused on my present uncertainty?

How can remembering what God has done strengthen my faith today?

This Week's Application

Remember specific ways God has been faithful.

Let yesterday's testimony strengthen today's trust.

Enter your new season knowing God has not changed.

Point 3

Find Strength in God's Presence

Scripture

Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Reflection

Joshua's courage was not supposed to come from knowing everything that would happen. His courage came from knowing who would be with him.

God did not promise Joshua an easy journey. He promised His presence. That same promise gives us strength when we face new responsibilities, unfamiliar situations, and uncertain outcomes. Whatever changes around us, we can move forward because God goes with us.

Reflection Questions

Where do I need God's strength in this season?

Am I focusing more on what could go wrong or on Who is going with me?

How would I approach this season differently if I truly believed God was with me?

This Week's Application

Face uncertainty with confidence in God's presence.

Remind yourself that you are not walking into this season alone.

Draw strength from who is with you, not simply from what is around you.

Living It Out This Week

Trust where God is leading you.

Remember how God has already been faithful.

Find your strength in knowing God is with you.

Pastoral Encouragement

You may be entering a season you have never experienced before. You may not know exactly what lies ahead or how everything will work out. But you do not have to know everything ahead when you know the God who goes ahead of you. The same God who has carried you through every previous season is already present in this one. Trust His direction, remember His faithfulness, and keep moving forward with confidence. You may not know everything about where you are going, but you can trust the One who is leading you there.

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank You for being with us in every new season. Help us trust where You are leading, remember Your faithfulness, and find strength in Your presence. When we cannot see what lies ahead, give us courage to take the next step knowing that You are with us wherever we go. In Jesus' name, Amen.