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Theme: Bold, Strong & Courageous | #GoForIt

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

"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."

Welcome to Week 3 of our 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting!

As we step into 2025, the first season after celebrating our 40th birthday, we embrace an incredible opportunity to embark on a new journey. This is a time for us to witness God writing beautiful stories of healing and transformation in and through our lives.

A great future awaits us! Let's rise up in boldness, strength, and courage, pressing through storms and battles to experience God's miracles and promises!

In these 21 days of prayer and fasting, let's call on the Lord together and watch Him do what only He can do. This week, we engage in prayer, 24/7 so join us for Zoom prayer meetings every day using this link <https://bit.ly/21DaysofPrayerFasting>.



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To crown the prayer season, there will be a **Prayer Day** on **Saturday, 25 January 2025**, from 9am at select campuses and an **Evening of Prayer** at Bweyogerere and Jinja. Don't miss this opportunity to be blessed!

Scripture:**Joshua 14:6-12 (NIV)**

"Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. "Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."

When Joshua and the tribal clans of Israel began allocating various portions of the promised land to the tribes of Israel, Caleb, one of the 12 spies sent out by Moses to spy the promised land came back with a God-honoring report. He boldly approached Joshua to request his promised inheritance. Caleb further expressed his faith in God to help him possess his inheritance of land from the Anakites and his readiness to step out in courageous action. Joshua granted Caleb's request, and Caleb went ahead to pursue and possess Hebron as his inheritance, a reward for following the LORD obediently.

Reflection:

God has an inheritance prepared for each one of us.

However, the possession of this inheritance will require seeking God's leading, walking obediently to His direction, hard work, diligence, faithfulness, creativity, and overcoming the schemes of our enemy, Satan, that hinder us from possessing our God-prepared inheritance. God will help us overcome every resistance to possess our inheritance.

Therefore, as we pursue God's bold vision for our lives, family, Church, and nation for 2025, let us determine to:

- Walk in obedience to the LORD.
- Pray and ask the Lord to grant us what He has in store for us.

- Step out courageously and wisely to possess our inheritance, overcoming every resistance with the help of God.

Other Scriptural references: *Psalm 16:5-6, Jeremiah 29:11-13, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, Job 22:21-28*

Prayer Points:

1) Personal & Family

- Thank God for the inheritance He has prepared ahead for you and your family in 2025 (healing, joy, peace, protection, wealth, influence, healthy relationships, strong and happy marriages, academic success, financial health, etc.)
- Ask the LORD to reveal to you His bold vision for you and your family for 2025.
- Commit to walking obediently before the LORD individually and as a family.
- Ask God for strength, courage, wisdom, favor, and Holy Spirit empowerment to possess your inheritance.

2) Church

- Thank God for the inheritance He has prepared ahead for us as Watoto Church in 2025 (congregation growth, communities engaged and transformed, vulnerable women and children rescued and disciplined, campuses in new cities and nations, new property, generosity of our church family, new and strong open doors for the children's choir, etc.)
- Pray that the leadership of Watoto Church will walk in obedience and holiness before the Lord.
- Ask the LORD to enable us to pursue the different vision commitments and flourish as we go about pursuing them.
- Ask Jesus to grant us strength, courage, wisdom, favor, and Holy Spirit empowerment to possess our inheritance as Watoto Church for 2025.

3) Nation

- Thank God for the inheritance He has prepared ahead for us as a Nation in 2025 (Economic growth, wealth creation, political stability, peace, unity, favorable weather).
- Pray that the leaders of our Nation will do that which pleases God so that we can step into a blessed future as a nation (servitude, justice, and righteousness).
- Ask the LORD to help the leadership of this nation pursue a God-given Bold vision for the good of the people and the glory of God.
- Pray against the enemies of God's promised future for us.

Scripture:**Joshua 23:1-8 (ESV)**

"After a long time had passed and the Lord had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then a very old man, summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: "I am very old. You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you. Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea in the west. The Lord your God himself will push them out for your sake. He will drive them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the Lord your God promised you.

"Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now."

After the Israelites had settled in their land of promise and rested from all their enemies, God commands them through Joshua to remain steadfast in their commitment to God and obey every command in the Word of God given to them so that they would continue to continue to enjoy God's blessings and rest. Further on in Joshua 24, we see Joshua leading the Israelites in renewing their covenant with God.

However, the Israelites didn't uphold their covenant commitment to God and embraced a life of compromise and rebellion, which led to defeat and slavery to their enemies.

In **Deuteronomy 8:6-14 (NIV)**, God had warned the Israelites to:

"Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your

God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

Reflection:

Just like the Israelites, it's a common human occurrence to seek God fervently and walk closely with Him when living through times of trials and adversity, and then when circumstances change into times of peace, joy, and plenty, we steadily forget God and start leaning on our own understanding and entertaining compromise. Unfortunately, like the Israelites, when we forget the Lord and do not uphold a life of godliness, turning away from God, we end up opening the door to the enemy. We end up in defeat and forfeit our God-ordained inheritance. Remember, sin removes us from right standing with God, whereas righteousness brings us into right standing with God and partakers of His blessing.

It's therefore important that as we start this new year, 2025, let's be committed to upholding godliness, no matter what, so that God blesses us, leads us into a more glorious future, and brings about for us what He has promised us.

Other Scriptural references: *Revelations 2:4-5, Joshua 24:15, Hebrews 12:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Hebrews 10:35-39, Ephesians 6:10-17, 1 Corinthians 16:13*

Prayer Declaration:

"I will maintain my godliness, standing firm in my faith and obeying God's commands. I will be bold in my vision, strong in my conviction, and courageous in my actions, living out my faith for God's glory."

Prayer Points:

1) Personal & Family

- Repent for any ways in which you and your family have forsaken God your first love and allowed compromise into your lives.
- Renew your covenant commitment to God to uphold a life of godliness, upholding the spiritual disciplines of prayer, bible study, and fellowship with other believers as He continues to lead you into His destined future.
- Ask God for His boldness, strength, and courage to overcome temptation and resistance and remain steadfast in upholding a life of godliness.

2) Church

- Repent of sin in the body of Christ and ask Jesus to have mercy on us for turning away

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from Him as our first love. Pray for a revival of holiness in the Church.

- Pray for those in Church leadership around the world, to stay strong in the face of temptation and trial so that they hold fast to the Lord and live righteously.
- Let us ask God for His strength, boldness, and courage to preach the true gospel that confronts the ungodly culture of this world and calls people to salvation, holiness, and obedience to Jesus Christ.

3) Nation

- Repent on behalf of our nation because of our sin before the Lord.
- Rebuke territorial forces of evil that hold this nation captive to sinful ways. Ask the Lord to break that stronghold so that the people of this land honor the Lord.
- Recommit every sphere of this nation to the Lord. Ask Him to raise bold, strong, and courageous men and women who will steer us to honor the Lord so that this land may be blessed.

Joshua 23:12-13, 16 (NIV)

“But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, then you may be sure that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the Lord your God has given you.

... If you violate the covenant of the Lord your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the Lord’s anger will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land he has given you.”

In our pursuit of God’s ordained inheritance, we need to be constantly aware of the devil’s snares. To be ensnared is to be trapped, captured, or entangled.

We must be aware that Satan’s only agenda is to lure us into his traps to steal, kill, and destroy the inheritance God has prepared for us (**John 10:10**).

In the Scriptural portion above, a very old Joshua is delivering his farewell speech to the elders, leaders, judges, officials, and people of Israel. He reminds them of God’s instruction not to associate or relate with the surviving foreigners they found in the promised land, lest they would be lured by them to turn away from following God and obeying His commands and serve their gods, adopting their idolatrous practices, which would ensnare the Israelites, leading them to forfeit (lose out on their God-ordained inheritance.

Reflection:

If we are to inherit God’s promises prepared for us in 2025, we must be constantly aware of the enemy’s schemes to ensnare us, many of which are subtle and even seem good but lead to destruction (**Proverbs 14:12**).

The Word of God warns us in **1 Peter 5:8-9a** (NIV), to:

Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour. But resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable].’

Because we are aware of the enemy’s schemes, we must be committed to walking in submission to God, standing firm in our faith so that we receive God’s wisdom and power to successfully resist and defeat the devil.

Other Scriptural references: *James 4:7-10, 2 Timothy 2:22-26, Romans 12:2, Mathew 26:41, Hebrews 12:1-3, Colossians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

Prayer Points:

1) Personal & Family

- Thank God for protecting you and your family from falling into the snares of the enemy that could have harmed and destroyed you in 2024.
- Ask the LORD to reveal any snares that you and your family have fallen victim to and repent of any sins that could have led to your ensnarement.
- Ask God to break you and your family free from any snares of the enemy so that you walk in freedom to inherit His promises.
- Ask God for His power to be alert, and vigilant to overcome every scheme of the devil against you and your family **(Ephesians 5:15-18)**.

2) Church

- Thank God for protecting us as Watoto Church from falling into the snares of the enemy that could have harmed and destroyed us in 2024.
- Ask the LORD to reveal any present snares that we as a Church and any ministry within the Church may have fallen victim to and repent of any sins that can lead to our ensnarement.
- Ask God to break us free as Watoto Church and the entire Body of Christ in Uganda from any snares of the enemy (division, false doctrines, love for money, sexual immorality, pride, idolatry, witchcraft, etc.) so that we walk in freedom to inherit God's promises for us in 2025.
- Ask God to build us up as the Church, empowering us to be alert and vigilant to overcome every scheme of the devil to ensnare us **(Matthew 16:18)**.

3) Nation

- Thank God for protecting us as a nation from falling victim to wicked agendas by the enemy in 2024 that could have harmed and destroyed us.
- Ask the LORD to reveal to us and the leaders in our nation any present snares that we as a Nation have fallen victim to, and let's repent of any sins that could have led to our ensnarement.
- Ask God to break us free as a nation from any snares of the enemy (division, materialism, pride, corruption, idolatry, witchcraft, false religions, sexual immorality, injustice, drug and substance abuse, etc.) so that we will walk in freedom to inherit His promises.

Joshua 23:14 (NIV)

"Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed."

Joshua spoke these words at a time when Israel was entering a period of transition. It was his farewell speech to the leaders of Israel. He takes the opportunity to remind them of God's faithfulness. He also warns them to remain faithful to the Lord so that they may experience God's goodness in the land they are living in. Their unfaithfulness to God would mean that the favor of God would be lifted, and they would be kicked out of the land of promise.

In life, seasons shift, and life often brings uncertainty, but God remains constant. God's faithfulness is most evident in His unwavering commitment to fulfill His promises, which extend beyond a single individual or generation. His faithfulness is the anchor that holds us steady through the winds of change. Joshua's words are an encouragement for us to trust God in all circumstances, knowing that He never breaks His word. His reputation is a firm foundation on which we can build our lives and trust Him no matter what we face.

Application:

- Spend time meditating on the promises of God in scripture.
- Write down ways you have experienced God's faithfulness and answered prayer in your life. Let this reflection deepen your trust in Him.

"Faithfulness is not something God does; it is who He is." - A.W. Tozer

Prayer Points:

- Spend time thanking God for His faithfulness. Repent of your unfaithfulness to Him. Take some time to think about the year ahead and speak God's promises over what you see coming. He is faithful to fulfill His promises.
- Take a stand and speak the promises of God over your family. Ask God to show you His faithfulness in each season of the year ahead.
- Stand on the bold declaration and promise of Jesus Christ about the Church (Matthew 16:18) and pray over Watoto Church. Ask the Lord to protect us, favor us, provide for us, and strengthen us to be His hands and feet no matter where we are so that healing and hope come to broken individuals and communities.
- Write down and pray the promises from God's word over our nation: Promises for our



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economy, political leaders, youth, children, health, business, etc. Pray boldly and trust Him completely to bring His word to pass for each of the areas you have prayed.

Joshua 24:1-14 NIV

"Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt. "'Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. When I brought your people out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea. But they cried to the Lord for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time. "I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land. When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you. But I would not listen to Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand. " Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.' "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord."

When God had finally given the Israelites possession of the land He swore to give their forefather Abraham, God instructed Joshua to walk the Israelites down memory lane, narrating a brief account of how God led their nation from its inception, through its voyage to finally inheriting their land of promise and rest.

This narration spoke of how God had a master plan detailing how His promise would be fulfilled and how by His strength and power He brought this promise to pass. God recounts for them the great overwhelming opposition they faced in their journey and how He helped them overcome all opposition to possess their promised

Joshua ends this narration by instructing the Israelites:

Joshua 24:14 (NIV) *“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.”*

This was a charge to them that given all that God had done for them, they ought to walk faithfully before God and serve Him.

Reflection:

Similar to the Israelites, God has a detailed master plan for our lives that He has been working through from the day we were conceived to progressively lead us to inherit His promises for our lives. If we were to reflect on our life journeys to where we are today, we will be amazed by how God has graciously led us, helping us overcome great difficulties and obstacles along the way. It surely could not have been our own strength and ability that we are where we are, BUT only by the grace of God and it will take God's grace for us to inherit God's promises for the future.

Therefore, what must we do:

- Take time to thank God for His goodness in bringing us thus far.
- In view of what God has done for us in the past, let's recommit our lives to God, trusting Him to lead us to possess His prepared inheritance for us.
- Maybe your life presently feels like a big mess, like it's going nowhere, or you are facing overwhelming obstacles, surrender your circumstances to God and trust Him to work them all together for your good and for the unfolding of His wonderful purposes for you **(Romans 8:28)**.

Other Scriptural references: *Psalm 103:1-5, Psalm 124, 1 Samuel 7:12, Genesis 50:20, Proverbs 3:5-8, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, Psalm 127:1*

Prayer Points:

1) Personal & Family

- Thank God for bringing you and your family this far and working all your past experiences together for the good of you and your family.
- Surrender every present trial, frustration, and difficulty you are experiencing to God to work, trusting that it will work out all together for your good and His purposes for your life and family.
- Commit to walk faithfully before God, trusting your future into His hands to lead you

and your family into His prepared inheritance.

2) Church

- Thank God for the past 40 years of journey He has led us through as Watoto Church, working all our past experiences together for our good.
- Let us surrender every present challenge we are facing at Watoto Church to God to work it all together for our good and His purposes for us.
- Let's dedicate our future as a Church to God, committing to follow His leading to inherit His prepared future for us.

3) Nation

- Thank God for the past journey He has led us through as a nation and for working all our past experiences as a nation together for our good.
- Let us surrender every present challenge we are facing as a nation to God to work it all together for our good and His purposes for this nation.
- Let's dedicate our future as a nation to God (especially the upcoming election season), committing to follow His leading to inherit His prepared future for us.

Meditation Song: Remembrance (Hillsong), Been So Good (Bethany)

JOSHUA 24:15 (NIV)

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Each year we set goals, some are spiritual and others physical goals. It takes faith to set any goal since none of us knows how the year will turn out. Since we set our eyes on God each year, our lives ought to be lived by faith. God calls us to serve him from the point of faith-based boldness, Strength, and courage.

Sometimes, we can forget that God is always on our side, and easily slide into moments of despair to the point of ignoring our service to the LORD.

This happened to the children of Israel. They lost their initial desire to serve God and turned to serve idols. They devoted their time, talent, and treasure to the gods of other nations. The results of this were disastrous, leading them into captivity. Our devotion to God should reflect our commitment to serve Him with our time, talents, and treasure.

Are you serving God only with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Joshua's speech was an awakening to Israel as it is to us today.

Scriptures: Hebrews 11:6, Joshua 1:9, Colossians 3:23-24

Prayer:

Our heavenly father the searcher of our hearts. Grant us hearts which are devoted to you and strength to serve you with all our might and possessions. Give us the boldness to lead as we serve each other in Jesus' name, Amen!

Application:

Take some time today and reflect on how you use your Time, Talents, and Treasure (Money in relation to the things of God. Does it reflect your whole-heart devotion to serving God?

Prayer Direction.

1. COMMITMENT TO SERVE.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV):

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human

masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving”

- Ask God for a burning passion to serve Him. Ask for the grace to keep going even when your strength to serve fails you.
- Ask the Lord to make you fruitful wherever you serve Him (at home, school, work, community, etc.)

2.) BOLDNESS TO SERVE:

2 Timothy 1:7(NLT)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. We serve God by serving His people in the Church Family, Community, and Nation.

- Ask God to guide you on areas He wants you to serve. Write it down and develop a plan to start serving.
- Pray over all our volunteer ministry teams at Watoto and ask God to bless them.
- Ask the Lord to give you the boldness to stand for Biblical values wherever He has called you to serve Him.

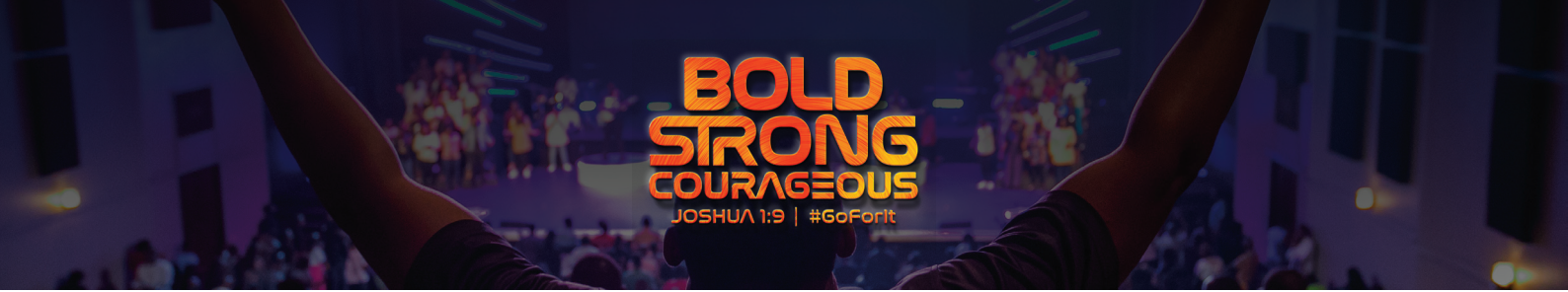
3.) COMMITMENT TO THE VISION.

Romans 12: 6-9 (NIV)

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

God has given Watoto Church a great vision and this vision needs us to use the gifts he has given us.

- Spend time thanking God for the gifts He has given you so that you can serve and make a difference wherever He takes you – Church, Home, School, Work, etc.
- Ask the Lord to give you the grace to not back down from the vision He has given you for your life. Ask Him to help you overcome obstacles and limitations so that you can serve Him in the face of challenges.
- Ask the Lord to surround you with people who will keep your fire to serve burning. Ask Him for encouragers, mentors, etc.
- Ask the Lord to bless you financially so that you can faithfully give your tithes and offerings and contribute to the growth and impact of His Kingdom around the world. Pray for a continued heart of generosity at Watoto so that we can bring our vision and dreams to reality.



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- Pray that the Lord will continue to work in our national leaders a heart of vision, humility, and service so that each sphere of our nation thrives.

Joshua 24:23 (NIV)

“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

Joshua was such a faithful man of God. He loved God and modeled what it meant to live a life of total devotion to the Lord. The nation of Israel had this powerful example with them every day and therefore had no excuse for any rebellion. He taught and modeled this with integrity and consistency.

Shortly before his death, Joshua gathered the children of Israel at Shechem in preparation to hand over the portion of the inheritance of the land of Promise. He took time to remind them about their journey to the promised land, how they had witnessed the faithfulness of God in fulfilling this promise made to their ancestors, and thereafter called them to recommit to serve the Lord. He presented them with the choice to choose their God or the gods of their ancestors. He boldly stated that whether they chose to serve God or not, He and His household would do so forever. The people of Israel recommitted to serve the Lord and that day, their covenant with the Lord was renewed.

Joshua is graphic in his call to the nation of Israel. He called them to “throw away the foreign gods...and yield your hearts to the Lord, the god of Israel.” This is a powerful picture of what it means to make a choice. It was a choice to love and serve God and have NO MORE IDOLS among them.

God demands our total devotion.

Why? God knows that any other gods want to control and destroy our lives. They promise us much and instead trap us into bondage and death. Only the God of the Bible, the God of Israel, is benevolent and calls us to submit to Him so that He can bless us. He leads us into freedom and true life. However, a half-hearted submission is no submission at all. We must cross the line and turn away completely from the worship of other gods. This includes turning away from looking to people, money, fame, success, etc., as the source of the things we need for life. They shouldn't become idols in our lives. God wants our hearts, our total devotion. A life totally devoted to God will be a blessed and flourishing life. As long as Israel worshipped and served the Lord, they were blessed. Whenever they turned away from Him, they suffered and lived under a curse.

Determine today to make the bold decision to serve only the Lord our God, JESUS CHRIST so that you may experience His blessing in this new year and new season of your

life! Challenge your family and friends to do the same. Carry a strong conviction in your heart that He is the ONLY TRUE GOD and that any other god is a false god, an idol. Have nothing to do with them.

Prayer Points:

Personal:

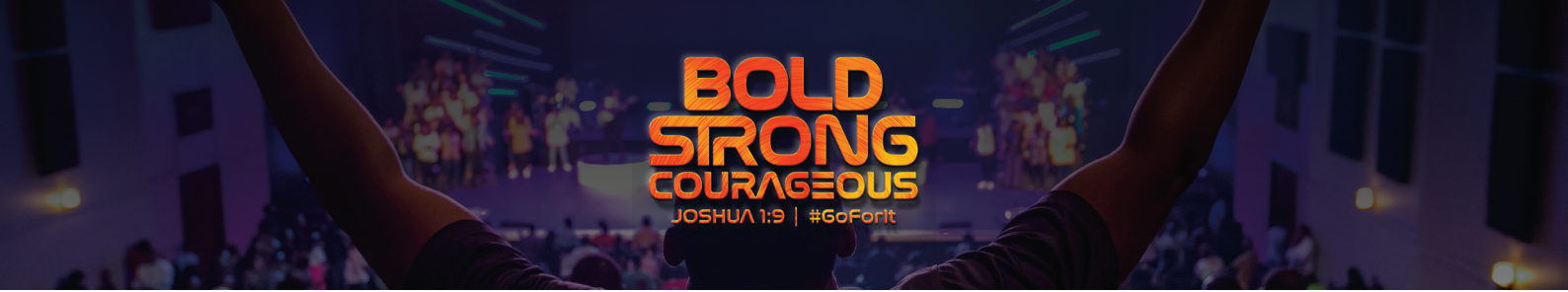
- Spend time singing and speaking the praises of God. Worship Him as the one true God. Let worship flow from your heart.
- Repent and ask the Lord to have mercy on you and your family for the times you have turned to someone or something else in His place. Repent of having idols in your life. Determine to have no more idols. Destroy anything that is an image or contact point to a false god you have worshipped or have been worshipping.
- Ask the Lord to deliver you and your family from the curse that comes from worshipping any other god that isn't the God of the Bible.
- Recommit your heart to the Lord. Renew your covenant with him. Commit to loving, pursuing, and serving Him for the rest of your life.
- Ask the Lord to give you the boldness to call others to love and serve the Lord.

Nation:

- Repent on behalf of this nation because of the worship of other gods.
- Stand in the gap and break the curses that have plagued this land as a result of turning to the false gods of this world (poverty, broken families, death, disease, corruption, addictions, etc.)
- Pray that the nation of Uganda will always be open to the preaching of the gospel so that many may be delivered from the worship of false gods and turn in repentance and salvation to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Ask the Lord to continue to give boldness, conviction, and courage to our national leaders to stand against ungodly practices that enslave this nation to the curses of evil and rebellion against God. May the Lord grant them the wisdom and grace to enshrine godliness in the fabric of this nation.

Church:

- Repent on behalf of the Church, the body of Christ, for preaching a false gospel that presents a false understanding of who God is.
- Ask the Lord to raise faithful teachers of the word who will steward the gospel and bring people to a true understanding of the lord that translates into lives of total devotion to the Lord.



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- Pray that the Lord will usher in a new wind of revival to arrest the hearts of the youth so that they will be hungry for the Lord, His word, and His presence in their lives.

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