

## Talk It Over

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*Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.*

### Read

Joshua 1:1-9

### Discuss

1. Why do you think this passage begins with the phrase "After the death of Moses"? Why is this statement key to understanding the narrative? What was the significance, for Joshua and the Israelites, of Moses' passing?
2. How big of a task would it have been to lead the nation of Israel across the Jordan River? What challenges would Joshua have faced in trying to carry out this instruction? Would this task have seemed insurmountable to Joshua?
3. According to Joshua 1:9, why is Joshua to be "strong and courageous"? What is the reason he is not to be "frightened or dismayed"?
4. **Read Matthew 28:20.** What are the similarities between Jesus' statement to his followers and God's statement to Joshua? What is the universal idea the biblical text is trying to convey?
5. What does it mean to say God is an "active presence" in our lives? How is he present? In what ways is he active? Is God always present? Is God always active?
6. How does prayer make us aware of the active presence of God in our lives? How does prayer enable us to name our anxiety and trust in the active presence of God? **Read Philippians 4:6.** What does this passage say is the antidote to worry?



### Wrap Up:

In what area of your life do you feel most anxious or alone right now? If you are willing, share your area of concern or worry with the group. Commit to pray for each other's challenges through the coming week.