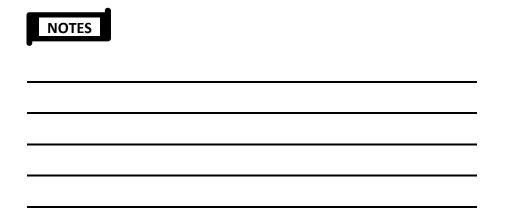
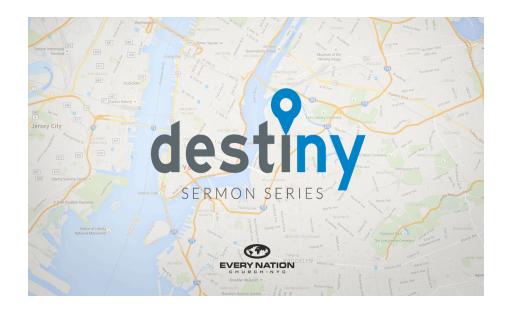
#### PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Take a moment this week to write out some of the promises of God that encourage you to trust Him.
- Reach out to someone you know this week who needs to be encouraged to overcome their fear regarding the plans God has for their lives.

# PRAYER

- Pray for God to bring people around you that will encourage you to believe what God has for you.
- Ask God to show you who you can encourage this week.
- Ask God to help you to trust him with areas of your life you are most afraid of.





Week Two - Enter It

#### CONNECT

What is one way you encourage yourself when facing an obstacle?



"After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: Moses my servant is dead. Now then you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them - to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates - all the Hittite counter to the Great Sea on the

west, . No one will be able to stand up against you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong ad courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land i swore to their forefathers to give them. 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. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong ad courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.""

Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)

## THOUGHT

Joshua had been commanded by God to lead the Israelites to the land God promised their forefathers. Before he crossed over, God gave him some words of encouragement and instruction. That message inspired faith and courage in him to enter the promise God had given him and his people. That spirit of faith and boldness is a prerequisite to living out the promises and plans God has of our lives.

### DISCUSSION

- 1. If you were Joshua, what would you need God to tell you to make you feel confident about leading the Israelites to their promised land?
- 2. God told Joshua to be strong and courageous because he will lead the people to inherit the land he promised them. Is there anything you feel that God is calling you to do that requires courage and strength?

- 3. What is your biggest fear regarding a calling or the life goals you would like to accomplish in your life? What is one promise of God you can stand on to face that fear?
- 4. What does it mean to you to be "strong and courageous?"
- 5. Why was meditating on the Book of Law a prerequisite to Joshua being successful in whatever he did?
- 6. Where are you struggling in obedience to God that is keeping you from receiving the promises and destiny God has for your life?