



I. INTRO

- A. Imagine your life five years from now
- B. You will either face the future with courage or fear

Joshua 1:2 (NKJV) “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.

Joshua 1:6-9 (NKJV) Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 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.”

- Courage or fear?

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIRV) God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn’t make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves.

- C. What are you packing for?
 - A suitcase says you’re going somewhere, and what’s in your suitcase tells us what you expect when you get there
- D. You have to see it before you’ll ever see it
 - Can you believe that your life is getting better and better from this day forward?
 - Faith is a spirit of expectation, that establishes an outlook before you see the outcome

Psalm 118:24 (NLT) This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

II. WHAT FRAMES YOUR WORLD

- A. Faith, expressed through words, framed the world that God created

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

- B. Our world is framed by what we believe
 - Today’s beliefs are the seeds that will determine tomorrow’s harvest
- C. The way you see things
 - We should not only pay attention to what we’re looking AT but what we’re looking THROUGH



III. WHAT'S FRAMING YOUR WORLD

- A. Our beliefs govern
- What we think

Numbers 13:27-29 (NLT) This was their report to Moses: “We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley.”

Numbers 13:30 (NLT) But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. “Let’s go at once to take the land,” he said. “We can certainly conquer it!”

Numbers 13:31-33 (NLT) But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. “We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: “The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!”

- What we say

Luke 6:45 (NLT) A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Proverbs 18:21 (MSG) Words kill, words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you choose.

- What we do

James 1:22-25 (MSG) Don’t fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. *Act* on what you hear! Those who hear and don’t act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.