



Being a servant leader isn't for the fainthearted. Both Moses and the Lord repeatedly called Joshua to be strong and courageous. They warned him not to give into fear or discouragement, but to trust the Lord's presence with him, and they reminded him that the Lord would never forsake him. Where do you need to replace fear and discouragement with strength and courage?

“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.”—Joshua 1:9

When I read this on the computer it reminded me of the time when God was calling me into ministry. Every time “He called”, I resisted, I came up with all the excuses I could muster. God was so patient with me and kept reminding me that He would be with me, would give me strength and courage to do things I'd never done before. As I look back over the years I can see where God has guided, encouraged, inspired, and enabled me to step outside my comfort zone and to rely on Him. I am so thankful I was able to say, “Here am I, send me.” What wonderful blessings there have been over the years and while ever I am able, I will continue to do the work He has called me to do.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the assurance of Your presence with me as I serve You and lead Your people. Help me to recognize fear and discouragement as signals to turn to You, drawing strength and courage from Your presence. Thank You for believing in me and strengthening me to lead like Jesus. I pray in His name, Amen.

The following song is a new one for me, I hope you enjoy it too. I pray you will find that His strength is indeed perfect.

[CeCe Winans: His Strength is Perfect - Bing video](#)

His Strength Is Perfect

[Steven Curtis Chapman](#)

I can do all things
Through Christ who gives me strength
But sometimes I wonder what He can do through me
No great success to show
No glory of my own
Yet in my weakness He is there to let me know

His strength is perfect when our strength is gone
He'll carry us when we can't carry on
Raised in His power, the weak become strong
His strength is perfect, His strength is perfect

We can only know
The power that He holds
When we truly see how deep our weakness goes
His strength in us begins
Where ours comes to an end
He hears our humble cry and proves again

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In Christian love,

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