

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 01-16-2022

The world's changed and it's acting strange, but we are not alone. The best of all is, God is with us!

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Hebrews 1:1-3 NET

<small>1</small> After God spoke long ago in various portions and in various ways to our ancestors through the prophets, <small>2</small> in these last days he has spoken to us in a son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he created the world. <small>3</small> The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of his essence, and he sustains all things by his powerful word, and so when he had accomplished cleansing for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

<https://bible.com/bible/107/heb.1.1-3.NET>

Hebrews 7:25 NET

<small>25</small> So he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

<https://bible.com/bible/107/heb.7.25.NET>

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5 NET

<small>2</small> We thank God always for all of you as we mention you constantly in our prayers, <small>3</small> because we recall in the presence of our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <small>4</small>

We know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <small>5</small> in that our gospel did not come to you merely in words, but in power and in the Holy Spirit and with

deep conviction (surely you recall the character we displayed when we came among you to help you).
<https://bible.com/bible/107/1th.1.2-5.NET>

Psalms 27:13-14 NLT

<small>13</small> Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living.
<small>14</small> Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.
<https://bible.com/bible/116/psa.27.13-14.NLT>

Series: The Best of All Is, God Is with Us

Series Big Idea: "Something has changed ... the world's acting strange these days." I heard this line several times in ads for an online TV series while I recovered from Covid. It sums up 2020 and 2021. "Something has changed and the world's acting strange." As a result, we need to hear Matthew's description of Jesus's life mission. "They will call him Emmanuel which means God with us." (Matthew 1:23) The world's changed and it's acting strange, but we are not alone. The best of all is, God is with us!

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

Title: A Command and a Promise

Joshua 1:1-9 NIV

<small>1</small> After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:
<small>2</small> "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. <small>3</small> I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <small>4</small> Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. <small>5</small> No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <small>6</small> Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. <small>7</small> "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. <small>8</small> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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. <small>9</small> 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."
<https://bible.com/bible/111/jos.1.1-9.NIV>

How can we obey the command to be strong and courageous when facing a pandemic and seismic shift in what we think will happen?

God's commands come couched in his promised presence. He doesn't leave us on our own to carry out his orders. In other words, strength and courage come from the One with me not merely from within me.

Sermon in a Sentence:

God's promises make God's commands possible.