

# OBSTACLES WILL HELP YOU GROW

## Family Devotion — Lesson 41

### MEMORY VERSE — JOSHUA 1:9

*“Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”*

- After forty years, Moses and the disobedient generation had died off. Now it was time for Joshua, the replacement for Moses, to lead the new generation into the Promise Land of Canaan. There were several things in his way:
  - The Jordan river
  - Enemies in the land
  - A new way they have not traveled
  - A responsibility to lead people who had a rebellious history
- The Lord knew Joshua was **DISMAYED**. To be dismayed means to be discouraged, worried, stressed, fearful, or in need of courage. It is something that can hinder a Christian from fulfilling God’s will. It is a huge obstacle that has prevented many Christians from fulfilling God’s will.
- Here is how we can get victory over being dismayed:
  - 1) Know that the Lord is with you wherever you go (Mt. 28:20).
  - 2) Know that the Lord is all-powerful and nothing is too hard for Him (Jer. 32:17).
  - 3) Know that the the Lord will give you strength as you step out by faith (Phil. 4:13).



### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Why is it important to remember all the great things God has done in the past? (Josh. 4:1-9)
- Have you ever been dismayed? Explain how you responded.
- Where should we go to find encouragement when we are dismayed?
- How can you help someone else when they are dismayed?



### PRAYER TIME

- Pray for God to help you the next time you are dismayed.
- Pray for someone you may know who is dismayed. Ask the Lord to give them strength and courage.



### CHALLENGE

- Make a list of the top three incredible things God has done in your life. These things will be important to remember when you become dismayed.