

Heroes

Losing is the New Winning (Wk.4)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

A hero embraces the change that will lead to changed lives.

Key Scripture

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 country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 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.
Joshua 1:2-5

Heroes and leaders lose on purpose.

Growth is painful. Change is painful. But, nothing is as painful as staying stuck where you do not belong. – N. R. Narayana Murphy

Embracing change is like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go in order to move forward. – C. S. Lewis

2 Reasons to embrace change:

1. **It's what God is calling us to do.**
- Obedience
2. **So that lives will be changed. – The Great Commission**

Additional Scripture:

Joshua 1:9
Matthew 28:18-20

Start talking.

- How do you typically response to change?
- Why is change often viewed as a negative?
- What are examples of positive change? (New car, baby, promotion, etc.)

Start thinking.

- Read Joshua 1:2-5. What was the crossroads Joshua and the Israelites found themselves at?
- For Joshua and the Israelites, even though they knew God was calling them to embrace this change, there were many things they had come to depend on that they would need to let go of. What were some of those things?
- What will Harbor need to let go of to embrace the change God is leading us to?
- What were some of the stories of changed lives that Joel shared as a result of Joshua's faithfulness to move forward?

Start sharing.

- What are the concerns/questions you have about the change God is calling Harbor to embrace with CityView?
- What did it look like for Joshua and the Israelites to move forward in faith?
- What does it look like for you (and/or your family) to embrace this change for Harbor Church?

Start doing.

- Outside of the changes coming to Harbor Church, what are the personal changes God is calling you to embrace this week? How does He want you to be more faithful, more courageous, more loving toward others?
- Pray for the leaders, staff, and volunteers of Harbor Church and CityView Church. Ask God to lead all of them well. That He would move all of us toward greater faithfulness and unity.
- Share with Pastor Joel and/or the staff of Harbor your thoughts, question, and/or concerns. Email Joel at: joel@harborchurchco.org

Closing prayer.

God loves us too much to let us stay where we do not belong. I encourage you to pray that He would reveal areas He wants you to grow and change. Lean forward into those things. Also be praying for this merger between Harbor Church and CityView Church. There is much that needs to be done and relationships that need to be honored, grown, and protected. Please join us in making this a consistent point of prayer for the next several week.

It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power. – Alan Cohen