



It's Time to Stand Firm | Shawn Johnson | 03.06.22

### Weekly Study

#### START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**What would the title of your autobiography be?**

#### SHARE

Welcome back! This week Shawn continued our series which is inspired by his own journey and his new book “Attacking Anxiety.” Are we ready to stand firm and believe that God is with us all the time? Jesus reminded us that while we would still have troubles in this world, that we could also still take heart because He has overcome it. Pain, suffering, and heartache are inevitable on this side of eternity, but we can be rest assured that we will see the other side of the storm because of the One who sees us through it. And because of this, we can stand firm on what God has promised!

**What was one thing God spoke to you specifically through Shawn’s message? What do you think it means to “stand firm”?**

#### GROW

**Read Joshua 1:2-6,9; 3:8, 14-16**

**What command did God give Joshua? What did God promise?**

God told Joshua to “get ready” because it was time to get his people moving. He prepared Joshua for the appointed time just as he prepares us to do the same. Being in a season of preparation can feel much like a desert requiring a lot of faith to put one foot in front of the other. Just as the Red Sea stopped the Israelites’ right in their tracks, so the raging waters of the Jordan River were impassable, without a mighty power of God. This Scripture tells us that it was the harvest season, which meant that the river was swollen, and the waters overflowed the river’s edge. God had brought his people to the brink of the Jordan, at a time when it was impossible for them to cross. God is asking them to do something that without him, cannot be done. This was a huge test of faith. This was another place that God showed up in power. This was to be a time for them to grow in their faith fully believing that “the Lord God is with them, wherever they go.” God has a track record of faithfulness and just as we see here in this story, God had prepared them to step into something because the better was just across the river. And ours is too.

**Where in your life do you feel like God is calling you to stand firm?**

**What helps you stand firm when you want to give up?**

**What can we learn about God’s presence in our life through the story of Joshua?**

#### MOVE & PRAY

**Read (again) Joshua 1:9**

**Where are you not believing God in the impossible? Share with your group.**

**How can knowing that God is with us change how we approach life?**

The rest of your time in group, pray together for that “impossible.” This may be in your own life or in someone’s close to you. As you pray together, stand firm and believe that God will give you courage and supernatural faith to cross over into his better that he has ahead for you. If you are struggling to believe the impossible for yourself, let your people stand in the gaps and lift your hands up in worship believing God is with you and he is for you. Just as Shawn challenged us this week, let us put our feet down and stand firm on the promises of

God, reaching out our hands and letting him be Father, the One who “will be with us wherever we go.”

**As you go, remember:**

**God is with you**

**God will bring you to the promise land**

**YOU WILL MAKE IT TO THE OTHER SIDE because God is with you!**

**T O G O**

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28*