I. Introduction.

A. Prayer has to be the minister’s priority or he will never make it.

B. Subject: how to make it through the ministry no matter how bad it gets.

C. Text: Joshua 1.

II. God has given us a responsibility, so we will also have promises.

A. We will have clarity of our call.

B. We will have the ability to be strong and courageous.

1. This happens by getting on your knees and feeling your helplessness before God.

2. Helplessness is our greatest source of strength.

3. The bottom line is committing oneself to obedience to God.

4. One’s responsibility is to grow the church—this happens by teaching men to pray.

5. If you live on your knees, life will not be explainable.

6. Formula for failure: prayerlessness, burden bearing, weariness, discouragement, disillusionment, dropout and disaster.

Application questions:

1. How have you experienced the power of prayer?

2. What are things that keep you from praying on a regular basis?

3. How can you grow in your prayer life in a way that is both practical and measurable? Explain.