***Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”***

Things don’t always go our way.

Humans are creatures of habit.

We like the same things over and over.

We become complacent.

Even when we tell ourselves we want something new, if we like it, it becomes routine.

Now, the funny thing is, God has a way of pulling us out of our comfort zone.

He likes to help us grow and change and evolve.

When I first started leading worship, I really only did it as a favor to my brother.

I could only play a handful of chords, I could only sing in one key, and I would only play acoustic so I could sing softly because that’s the only way I knew how to sing.

At least, that’s how I did it in front of people.

Once I realized God was leading me somewhere new, once I realized it wasn’t about how many chords I could play or how I sing, I grew, I changed, I evolved.

I’m not saying I’m some awesome artist, but God does amazing things in and through us.

***2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.***

If we remain diligent and free ourselves to be used by God, He will take us out of our comfort zone.

But He will also help us to grow.

When you first learn to ride a bike, you start with training wheels.

It’s easy, comfortable, safe.

But can you ride anywhere? On a mountain trail? Off a jump?

Once you take those trainers off, possibilities multiply.

God is like the parent holding us up, telling us to pedal and not to worry, lighting up with joy when He let’s us pedal into the distance, knowing the possibilities set before us.

***Isaiah 42:16 “I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, in paths they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do, and I will not leave them undone.”***

It’s okay to step into something new.

God will equip you.

So, whether you’re a newlywed, your husband is starting a new career, or your worship team’s drummer can’t play this week, God is in control.