

Preparing for Where You are Supposed to Be / Part One

Joshua 1:3&4 *Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.*

Vastness stretches before us.

There is a Portion prepared for us in the is life!

God's intended place of abundance and supply - *Spiritually / Emotionally / Physically*

→ Promised Land is metaphorical picture of **Heaven**

→ Promised Land is metaphorical picture of **Earth**

God wants to bring you to a place in your walk that you are living in a RICH Relationship w/Him that your heart is his and His Hand is open to you!

-Wealth (spiritual and material) come with diligent devotion!

1 For the Journey of your life...The Promise of His Presence!

Jos 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 1:5 GW *No one will be able to oppose you successfully as long as you live. I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will never neglect you or abandon you.*

→ The Lord is by your side

Psalms 139:7-10 (GW) Where can I go to get away from your Spirit? Where can I run to get away from you? (8) If I go up to heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in hell, you are there. (9) If I climb upward on the rays of the morning sun or land on the most distant shore of the sea where the sun sets, (10) even there your hand would guide me and your right hand would hold on to me.

You can't lose for winning with the Lord!

→ God's 'Pre-Possession' Pledge

Joshua 1:6-9 GW Be *strong and courageous*, because you will help these people take possession of the land *I swore* to give their ancestors. (7) "Only be *strong and very courageous*, faithfully doing everything in the teachings that my servant Moses commanded you. Don't turn away from them. Then you will succeed wherever you go. (8) Never stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day so that you will faithfully do everything written in them. Only then will you prosper and succeed. (9) "*I have commanded you, 'Be strong and courageous!* Don't tremble or be terrified, because the LORD *your God is with you wherever you go.*"

→ The Encouragement of the Lord appears to be for Joshua to CHOOSE to walk in Strength and Courage towards this next leg of his journey with the Confidence of God's Promises, Plans and Divine Presence!

→God Says: "**Be strong and very courageous**" - (*hb*) *khaw-zak' meh-ode' aw-mats'*

= **BE** / The sense is to stand, remain or be fixed; hence to continue.

= **STRONG** / *obstinate*, hardened, mighty, prevailing, stout, sure, take (hold), be

urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand.
= **VERY** / *wholly*, diligent, utterly
= **COURAGEOUS** / to *be alert* physically & mentally, of good courage,
steadfastly minded, increase, establish, fortify

→ If we are going to be the kind of Leaders (even to our own lives) that moves forward and 'lays hold' of those things that the Lord has Prepared; **we must Trust God** and...
[according to His Word]

You CAN – Cross over the obstacles that lie before you and your family

You CAN – See the walls that

You CAN – Defeat those things that challenge you and walk away with the Victory
Only Put your Trust in the Lord and then you CAN—"**Be strong and very courageous**" → **Continue to Remain Fixed, Obstinate**
Prevailing, while Diligently being Steadfastly Minded with good Physical and Mental Courage!

Now, as you are **Preparing for Where You are Supposed to Be**, WE must understand the four things pointed out in these four verses. (The # 4 means to me Stability)

1. (v6) *Be strong and courageous, because you will help these people take possession of the land I swore to give their ancestors.*

→ It is 'WE' that must **Move** into the promises of God!

→ God expects us to go after what he has Promised not just sit back and expect them to come to us!

- Don't sit by and believe that you will have what He intends for you to possess without your involvement and investment.

Numbers 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, **Let us go up** at once, and possess it; **for we** are well able to overcome it.

- **Laziness won't 'Lay Hold' of His Land!**

2. (v7) *"Only be strong and very courageous, faithfully doing everything in the teachings that my servant Moses commanded you. Don't turn away from them. Then you will succeed wherever you go*

→ **Our Success is linked to our Staying Devoted to living out His Word!**

→ I can't live life haphazardly or half-hearted and expect a happy return!

- NOTICE: "Faithfully DO Everything / Don't turn away from them / " →
THEN you will succeed wherever you go.

→ God's formula is simple: **Stay True, See Success!**

→ **Partial Commitment is a Plan to Fail!**

□ **[Verse 7 Deals with the heart, Verse 8 deals with the head!]**

3. (v8) *Never stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day so that you will faithfully do everything written in them. Only then will you prosper and succeed.*

→ **Doing His Word is fostered by Learning His Word!**

→ We can't hope for Success if we are Casual about His Word!

→ God's Word is His revelation to us of Himself.

→ HOW can I Trust Him through this journey into where I've never

been if I don't know what He has Promised or what He will Provide?

1 My Faith-life is based solely upon my reception of this Word

Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2 My Responsibility is to Learn His Instructions!

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

If I will Apply, I will Arrive!

4. (v9) *"I have commanded you, 'Be strong and courageous!' Don't tremble or be terrified, because the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

→ We CAN Face our Future Fearlessly, Because GOD Goes with us!

→ You can bank on many things on your expedition

(Here are a few from Joshua's journey)

- a. God will ask you to move forward at a very inconvenient time, so that your faith is in Him not yourself!
- b. Obstacles won't fall just because you show up, they fall when God shows up!
- c. If you get arrogant, God will put in your place!

→ BUT also know:

- A. That there is no river that He can't make a way thru!
- B. There is no Wall-city that He can't plunder!
- C. There is no enemy that He can't defeat!

As you **Prepare for where you are supposed to be**, *Choose to move into His planned success for you life by learning His Word and then Living it out without fear as you face the new terrain of your blessed future!*