

Joshua 1:1-8

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"Decision Can Make the Difference"

1. Introduction
 - a. Resilience in Jesus (Is 53:7; Acts 8:33)
 - He suffered greatly
 - But He opened not His mouth
 - He was led as a sheep to slaughter
 - b. Decision can be positively actively made
 - active decision of "Yes" or "No"
 - but making no decision is a passive decision to keep status quo by doing nothing
2. Potential in a Problem
 - a. Old Moses leader now dead
 - b. New leader Joshua
 - God now speaks to & leads Joshua
 - there could be questions about Joshua's leadership
 - immediate problem of crossing Jordan River at flood stage (3:15)
 - problem of current population inhabiting the land
 - c. God outlines His plan for nation of Israel (immediate, near future, & long term plans)
 - d. Every problem can be viewed as a negative or a positive
3. Promise with Opportunity
 - a. Promise of extent of territory
 - from Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea) to Euphrates River
 - from Lebanon & south to desert where they now stand
 - b. God promises Joshua that none can stand against him in his lifetime
 - c. God promises that God will be with him same as with Moses
 - "I will not leave you nor forsake you" (1:5)

- 3d. God promises to be with Christian
same as in Old Testament
- Heb 13:5-6
 - * God will never leave me or forsake me
 - * Lord is my Helper

4. Power in Decision
- a. Book of Moses law will not depart from your mouth
 - meditate in it day & night
 - b. Observe to do (action) Moses commands - do not turn away from it
 - observe to do according to all written Scripture
 - c. Be strong & of good courage
 - Do not be afraid
 - ~~Be~~ Do not be dismayed (faint heart)
 - Lord God is with Christian wherever they go
 - d. Inner motivation creates strong drive to achieve
 - God is foundation for Christian
 - God's presence provides inner security to move forward into action
 - * written Scripture is Christian's daily guidebook