

"Courageous Leadership"

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Text: Joshua 1:1-9

"NOW after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 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. 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. 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.
(Joshua 1:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

- Death of Moses (Deut chap 34)
- Deut 34:9 Moses laid hands on Joshua
 - * Joshua full of the spirit of wisdom
 - * Israel listened to Joshua
- Deut 31:3, 7, 23, Moses sets Joshua as next leader of Israel
- Moses is 120 years & very old
 - * Succession is inevitable
 - x all humans die - Moses will die
 - * Transition is possible
 - * Courage is vital
 - x Joshua will be next leader

"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south, 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another." (Psalm 75:6-7)

"And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee." (Joshua 3:7)

Quote: "Godly courage is ignoring the fear of failure when attempting great things for God."

"And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them: and I will be with thee." (Deuteronomy 31:23)

1. THE Presence OF GOD (v. 1-3, 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)

"And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." (Exodus 33:15) *Moses talks with God*

A. Personal - God, "I will be with you."

Joshua worships the Lord

"And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?" (Joshua 5:13-14)

Lord the Helper

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Hebrews 13:5-6)

B. Pursued

Quote: "The life of a disciple must be one of conscious and intentional pursuit. We are not automatically Christlike by merely believing the gospel. We must follow hard after Him, daily renewing our commitment to seek His face." - A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

*- follow hard after God
- God highest priority in life*

-Mt 22:37, Mk 12:30, Lk 10:27
* First great command

First
Command

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Quote: Spiritual leadership flows out of a person's vibrant, intimate relationship with God.

PURSUE WITH ALL YOUR HEART ✓

Quote: "Healthy churches are led by healthy pastors who love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength."

"With my whole heart have I sought thee; O let me not wander from thy commandments." (Psalm 119:10)

PURSUE WITH ALL YOUR SOUL ✓

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:4-5)

Jesus to
His disciple

Eph 4:23
renewed in
the spirit of
your mind

PURSUE WITH ALL YOUR MIND ✓

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)

PURSUE WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH ✓

"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness." (1 Timothy 4:7)

Quote: "Let any man turn to God in earnest, let him begin to exercise himself unto godliness, let him seek to develop his powers of spiritual receptivity by trust and obedience and humility, and the results will exceed anything he may have hoped in his leaner and weaker days."—A.W. Tozer

2. THE Precepts OF SCRIPTURE (v. 5-8)

Quote: "We have no basis for courage without the Word of God. Courage is tied to the Law."

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; And in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Psalm 1:1-2)

spiritual
battle

A. Reveals God's protection

THE REALITY OF BATTLE Jesus to His disciples

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

THE REALITY OF PROTECTION

B. Reveals God's promises

"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." (2 Corinthians 1:20)

PROMISE OF THE LAND

"For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever." (Genesis 13:15)

"If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: 5 And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers." (Deuteronomy 30:4-5)

PROMISE OF A LEADER

"And Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel. 2 And he said unto them, I am an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, and he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said." (Deuteronomy 31:1-3)

PROMISE OF A BLESSING

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

C. Reveals God's premise

OBSERVE TO DO - obey

DO NOT TURN - continue to follow God

Quote: "Joshua's primary duty is not military but spiritual. Without obedience to the law, military success will not follow. God is the one who gives such victories."

3. THE Participation OF FAITH

"If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey."
(Numbers 14:8)

A. Claim the Promise

"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." (Joshua 1:3)

STEP IN OBEDIENCE ✓

"Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." (James 2:18)

STEP IN FAITH ✓

Quote: "God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity that we plan only those things we can do on our own..."

"And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go."
(Judges 7:4) God narrowed army down to 300 men

B. Communicate with God's People

"And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it; ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all that are meet for the war." (Deuteronomy 3:18)

COMMUNICATE GOD'S DIRECTION -

Great Commission of the gospel

COMMUNICATE GOD'S MISSION

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." (1 Peter 5:2)

work together

c. Collaborate with God's People - ^{work} together

Joshua
the leader

all 12 tribes
fighting
together

"And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, 13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; 15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising. 16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go." (Joshua 1:12-16)

"And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us." (Luke 9:49-50)

FOR THE KINGDOM

Great
Commission
for the
church

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" (Matthew 28:18-19)

WITH CONFIDENCE

"Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand;" (1 Samuel 17:45-46)

David speaking to Goliath the giant

CONCLUSION

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)