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# Ready for Success Joshua 1:1-9

Moses just died and now Joshua was the leader of the nation of Israel. He was faced with the huge task of leading the Israelites to the Promised Land and leading them through defeating many enemies and difficulties.

The challenges seemed overwhelming and humanly impossible - yet God told Joshua to prepare for prosperity and success. NOT FAILURE.

#### Joshua Had God's Promises:

- 1. I will not leave you or abandon you. (1:5b)
- 2. I will not fail you.
- 3. I will not forsake you.

#### God Gives Joshua this word 3 times.

Be strong & courageous. (Joshua 1:6,7,9)

## **Questions:**

How can we be strong and courageous in the face of everything we face on a daily basis?

How can we prepare for true spiritual victory and success?

#### **Consider:**

- 1. We are engaged in spiritual warfare Eph. 6:12
- 2. In our own strength we cannot defeat our enemies 1 John 4:4
- 3. Even in the middle of battles our hope is in the victory God gives us Romans 8:31;37
- 4. We have victory in Jesus 1 Corinthians 15:57

#### **NOTES:**

#### **Joshua 1:1-9**

## 1. A CALL TO CLAIM THE LAND. (VS 1-4)

**NOTES:** 

"They had the land. God had already given it to them - all they had to do was claim it"

- Sometimes we need a <u>REMINDER</u>
  - God is faithful
  - God keeps His promises
  - God gives us victory

"God has a place of victory and he has promised us that we can live in that place of peace and blessings" - Claim it!

#### Take this to the bank:

- 1. We triumph in Christ 2 Cor. 2:14
- 2. We are 'more than' conquerors in Christ Romans 8:37
- 3. We have victory through Christ 1 Cor. 15:57

"The extent of their victory was only limited by their faith - the same is true for each of us"

God wants to bless us - Matthew 7:7 & John 5:14-15 (BUT)

Our blessings and victory will never surpass our faith in God.

## 2. A CALL TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD (1:5,6;9)

- Joshua is reminded of some very precious promises.
  - Victory over every enemy -v5
  - The presence & power of God v5
  - The faithfulness of God v5
  - Absolute Victory v6
  - Promise that God keeps His promises v6

What did Joshua do to make these things happen? Just one thing!

-TRUST GOD-

#### The same promises are true for us today:

- Victory over enemies 1 John 4:4-5
- God is ever-present Hebrews 13:5b
- God is all powerful Matthew 28:18
- God is still faithful Matthew 28:20
- God still gives absolute victory 1 Cor. 15:57 & Rev. 21:4
- God still keeps His promises Romans 4:21

What must we do to see these things come to pass in our lives? Just one thing! **TRUST GOD!** (Hebrews 11:1)

## 3. A CALL TO CARRY OUT THE LAW (1:7-8)

(First five books of the Bible - the Law)

- Keep the Law v7
- Meditate on the Law v8
- Prosper by honoring the Law v8

"As Joshua was commanded to honor the Law, we are commanded to honor the whole Word of God - the Bible"

#### **How Do We Honor God's Word?**

- 1. Feed on the Bible 1 Peter 2:2
- 2. Live by the Bible Ps. 119:11. 1:1-3, 37:31, 119:97, Jer. 15:16
  Psalm 119:105 The Word gives direction for life.
- 3. We will be blessed Ps. 1:1-3

## **Question:**

Do you have time set aside each day to read, learn, and meditate on the Word of God?

## 4. A CALL TO COURAGE. (1:9)

- Taking a stand requires strength and courage.
- It is time to take a stand.
  - Stand for the Kingdom of God
  - Stand against the Enemy
  - Stand with God's people His Church.

God is calling you to be **STRONG & COURAGEOUS TODAY.** 

Repent & Be Saved - Be Baptized - Join with this church - Stand with and for your family.