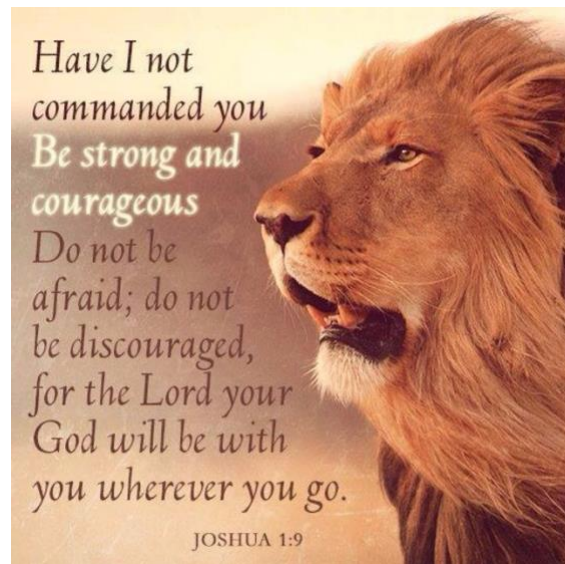


1 Joshua Wednesday Night – June 30, 2021 – BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS



1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, ² "Moses My servant is dead; so now arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. ³ Every place on which the sole of your foot steps, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory. ⁵ No one will be able to oppose you all the days of your life.

Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not desert you nor abandon you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may achieve success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Why do we study these accounts of Israel in the Old Testament?

2 Paul tells us that we study the Old Testament accounts of the Israelites to learn more about our walk with Christ. "1 Cor 10:11 ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. (NASB)

3 The Book of Joshua is all about being STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. Sunday I recited powerful verses from God's Word: Isaiah 41:10 and 2 Timothy 1:7. These verses are solid verses that give an anchor to our lives. Do you know them by heart? Do you claim these promises? When you know God's Word and claim His promises, they turn into testimonies.

Cross the Jordan - *"I assure you and most solemnly say to you, the person who hears My word [the one who heeds My message], and believes and trusts in Him who sent Me, has (possesses now) eternal life [that is, eternal life actually begins—the believer is transformed], and does not come into judgment and condemnation, but has passed [over] from death into life. (John 5:24 Amplified Bible)*

The Land which I am giving them - *¹⁸ I pray that he will give light to the eyes of your hearts, so that you will understand the hope to which he has called you, what rich glories there are in the inheritance he has promised his people, ¹⁹ and how surpassingly great is his power working in us who trust him. It works with the same mighty strength he used ²⁰ when he worked in the Messiah to raise him from the dead and seat him at his right hand in heaven, (Ephesians 1:18-20 Complete Jewish Bible)*

He directs our steps - *²⁴ The LORD directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way? (Proverbs 20:24 NLT). Also Proverbs 3:5-6*

He Never Forsakes us – *For He hath said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:6)*

Do Not turn from the right or the left – *"Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt 6:33) also..Isa 26:3*

Meditate on God's Word Day and night – Psalm 1

There are some interesting parallels in the journey to the Promised Land and how it applies to the spiritual journey in our lives.

Israel's slavery in Egypt -our bondage to sin and the world

Pharaoh's Opposition – Satan's opposition to us being freed **Moses the Deliverer** – Jesus the Deliverer

Passover – picture of blood of Jesus being applied to our hearts.

Exodus from Egypt – leaving the world behind - coming to faith

Israel at the Red Sea – picture of Satanic attacks against us

Red Sea Parting – picture of deliverance and baptism

Giving of the Law in Sinai – picture of Christian instruction, as well as a picture of the Church receiving the Holy Spirit

Failure of Kadesh-Barnea – failure in our own lives. We have been saved and delivered, but we often do not live in victory. Sin still has a hold on us. Our disbelief results in fear, and fear leads to spiritual paralysis.

Wilderness Years – saved but not living victoriously

Crossing of the Jordan – a picture of rededication to obedience **Taking of the Land** – meeting the battles of life head on with the promises of God.