

Entering the Promised Land: Fear Not

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Joshua 1:6-9

6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

God is saying to overcome fear we must...

1. READ THE WORD & KNOW THE WORD

Joshua 1:

- READ THE WORD: "Meditate on (the Word) day and night"
- KNOW THE WORD: "Be careful to obey all the law"

Psalms 1:1-2

1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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2. SPEAK THE WORD & DO THE WORD

Joshua 1:

- SPEAK THE WORD: "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth"
- DO THE WORD: "Do not turn from it to the right or to the left"
"Be careful to do everything written in it"

Joshua 1:8

... THEN you will be prosperous and successful.

Psalms 1:3

For the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on that law day and night... 3... is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

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3. TRUST THAT THE LORD IS WITH YOU

Joshua 1:5

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Joshua 1:9

9... Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Deuteronomy 31:1-6

1 Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: 2 "... 'You shall not cross the Jordan.' 3 The Lord your God himself will cross over ahead of you... Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the Lord said. 4... 5 The Lord will deliver [your enemies] to you... 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous... 8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Psalms 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?