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MY ANXIOUS HEART

Joshua 1:1-11

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

Joshua 1:1-11

Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates —all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Joshua 1:1-11

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. 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.

Joshua 1:1-11

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

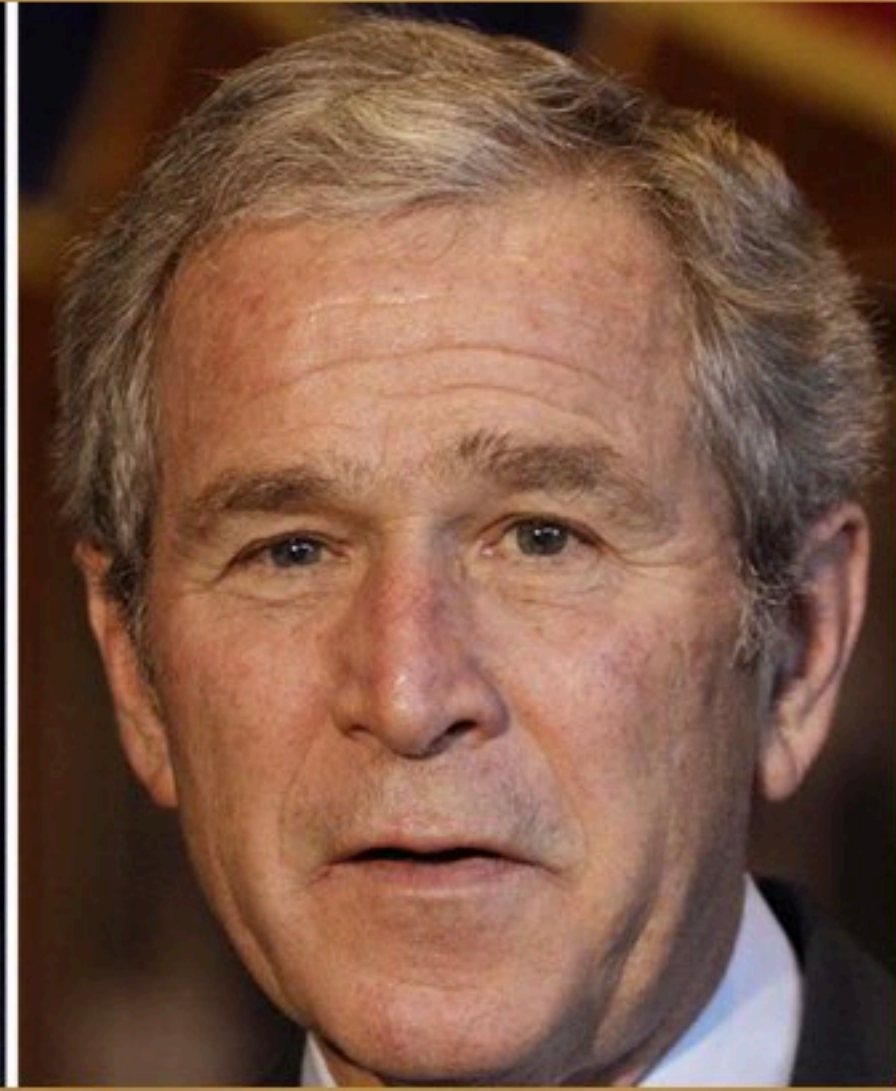
Joshua 1:1-11

So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.’”



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Joshua had reasons to be anxious!

- 1. He had big shoes to fill**
- 2. He had to succeed where others failed**
- 3. He had to establish his own credibility**

**While God is committed to your success,
you must be devoted to His Word.**

God's commitment is revealed through promises

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2. He promises his presence:

vs. 5b "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you"



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**While God is committed to your success,
you must be devoted to His Word.**

Our devotion is revealed through obedience

God's word contains instructions for our success

vs. 7 "... 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."

God's word contains principles for our prosperity

vs. 8 “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

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“Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities ... because it is the quality which guarantees all others”

--Winston Churchill

vs. 6 **Be strong and courageous**, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

vs. 7a **Be strong and very courageous.**

vs. 9 Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous.** Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”

“Courage is fear that has said its prayers”

--Karl Barth



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