

JOSHUA STUDY

CHAPTER 1:10-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Obey God and Live!

ENTERING THE LAND OF CANAAN 1:1-5;15

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

How do you Personally respond to commands?

There are those types of people that just won't let you leave their house without just one more bite of food, have some more, Take a basket home as well...

God has Been Like this to Joshua!

I want to argue with you, that God is that way with us too

1 John 5:2-3

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Joshua had been receiving his orders from God

Joshua's Huddle with God

NEVER IN MY BIBLE DO WE EVER SEE ANYONE HAVING BEEN DISCOURAGED
FROM MEETING JESUS...

Unless you're a Pharisee

The Facts were,
Joshua himself had these people under his care -- in his church!

It would require Joshua to be Strong and Courageous

If I were to say to you that
The Lord Appears to be going out of His way to encourage Joshua for the task
that lays ahead...

The Confident Command to **Arise & Go**

Joshua 1:2b

...arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them-- the children of Israel.

The Confident Command to **Possess the Land**

Joshua 1:3

"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you,
just as I said to Moses.

The Confident Command to **Be Bold**

Joshua 1:5

5 "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

The Confident Command to **Being Enabled**

Josh 1:6-7

6 "Be strong and of good courage...

7 "Only be strong and **very** courageous, **that you may observe to do according to all the law...**

* **Be strong** heb 2388 chazaq (khaw-zak');
to fasten yourself to someone or something, to seize an
object. to confirm possession by laying hold of...

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also

- * good courage heb 553 'amats (aw-mats');
to establish your footing. Fortify yourself for
battle, to strengthen (self)

- * Only heb 7535 raq (rak);
being nothing but the only, the one sure way surely,

- * Very heb 3966 me`od (meh-ode');
with vehemence, i.e. with exceeding tenacity

The Confident Command to not Be Afraid

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

As A Child I Used The Word ***“Ascared”*** A Lot

***“Ascared was greater than just being afraid
it certainly was bigger than just scared***

Why So Much Encouragement ?

Because the Spiritual Things of This Life, are all together Different
From the Material Life We See Around us...

A Battle Plan was Being Drawn...

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

The Need to Prepare was Imminent...

Ephesians 6:11-12

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

“Obedience to God Determined if You Lived or died !”

and that there is a direct connection between obeying God’s commands to and enjoying a blessed and meaningful life

1.) Obeying God Determines - Our Level of Strength

Joshua 1:10-11

10 Then Joshua **commanded** the officers of the people, saying,

11 "Pass through the camp and **command** the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'"

a.) Having Strength to **Be a Team Player** v.10-11

10 Then Joshua **commanded** the officers of the people, saying.... 11 "Pass through the camp and **command** the people, saying,

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Notice the Chain of Command that God had Established

“From God, to Joshua, From Joshua to the Officers, from the officers to the leaders of the Families...”

b.) Having Strength to Expect the Impossible

v.11b

command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves,
for within three days you will cross over this Jordan,

for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, Yar-Dan

It's Spring Time, The Jordan is swollen over its banks, it's not a puddle of water

Not like Fred Flintstone at the grand canyon

Obeying God Determines - Our Level of Strength

c.) Having Strength to Act Upon God's Promises

v.11c

to go in to possess the land
which the LORD your God is giving you to possess."

- He Had Never Let Them Down
- He Had Never Abandoned Them
- He Had Never Lied To Them

Nothing Like Who We Are

2.) vv. 12-15

12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, 13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.' 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, 15 "until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.

Joshua 1:12-14

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Early, During Moses' Career

Deuteronomy 29:3-4

3 "the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders. 4 "Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.

Deuteronomy 29:7-8

7"And when you came to this place, Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out against us to battle, and we conquered them.8"We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh.

Verse 14-15a

But you shall **pass before your brethren armed**, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, 15 "until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession...

you shall **pass before your brethren**

armed

why, because their brethren had not yet arrived at the place that had been promised to them...

"Grace Among the Ranks"

* **armed** heb 2571 chamush (khaw-moosh');
equipped to the utmost degree. To have full battle array. To be totally armed for war. Completely supplied...
Armed to the Teeth

All To Encourage their Brothers

Being Armed to the Teeth (not with teeth, to the teeth)

Armed to the Teeth with Gentleness

Galatians 6:1-2

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, (**humility**) considering (**taking aim**) yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

c.) Verse 15

and enjoy it!!! -

which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.

3.) vv. 16-18

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 "Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses. 18 "Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

a.) Verse 16

16 And they answered Joshua, saying,
"All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

"The blessings of Being Yielded"

To Believe Him **enough** to Believe

To Know Him **enough** to Know

To Love Him **enough** to Love

"All that you command uswe will do,
and
wherever you send uswe will go."

Just Say The Word and it Will be Done

Isaiah 6:1-9

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." 9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not

"The blessings of Being Yielded"

b.) Verse 17

"Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you.
Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

The Past Generation of Sin had Been Broken

Exodus 20:5

you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Exodus 34:7

"keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Parents Sins and Their Children's Sin

The Jews in Jesus' day were not unlike us today.

When we see someone in distress or

The Parents Sin does Visit the Children

~ But it Doesn't Have To ~

Coming to Christ, Breaks the Curse Instantly