

## Living in the Promise of God's Presence

- **Day One – Read Joshua 1:1-9.** Put yourself in Joshua's sandals ... can you imagine following Moses' leadership? The plagues, the manna, water from a rock, and the parting of the Red Sea ... everyone knew it was God, but still, a hard act to follow! In these verses, who is the *source*? Who is the *subject*? What is the *outcome*? And, what are the *conditions*?

**Pray** and thank God for his faithfulness to His people down through salvation history. Pray that you will trust Him more in your life, and live in the power of His promises.

### **Day Two – Read Galatians 3:29; Genesis 12:2-3; 15:1,5; Exodus 19:5; Galatians 3:16-22,26-29.**

Think about unifying thread of God's promise that extends down through salvation history, from Abraham to you. How has faith always been required to live in the power of God's promises and the fullness of His blessings?

**Pray** and ask God to help you see the potential of your life and ministry in terms of His greatness, and not your limitations! Thank Him that you are part of His family and all His promises are for you!

- **Day Three – Read Psalm 139:7-10; 2 Kings 6:15-17; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.** Why is it so hard for us to believe in what we cannot see? And, how do we get so "earth bound" in our perception of reality?

**Pray** and ask God to help you see with the eyes of faith and build your hope and confidence fully on Him. Thank Him that as a great saint once said, "*When we cannot trace His hand, we can trust His heart.*" Ask that your eyes would be fixed on Him, and that your confidence would be rooted in the eternal faithfulness of God.

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## **"The God Who Will Never Leave Us"**

*The Power of God's Promises #1*

Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5

**Joshua 1:1-9** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup> "**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. <sup>3</sup> I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup> Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates--all the Hittite country--to the Great Sea on the west. <sup>5</sup> No one will be able to stand up 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.**"

<sup>6</sup> "**Be strong and courageous**, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> **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.** <sup>8</sup> 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.** <sup>9</sup> 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.**"

**"A Promise is a Declaration that gives Assurance, upon which Expectation is Based."**

**Galatians 3:29** (NIV) <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Genesis 12:2-3; 15:1, 5; Exodus 19:5; Galatians 3:16-22, 26-29

## **What is The Power of a Promise?**

- Source? "Who makes it?"
- Subject? "To whom is it made?"
- Outcome? "That what will happen?"
- Conditions? "What must happen first?"

### **Understanding This Promise to Joshua**

#### **1. He was facing a redefined future.**

**Joshua 1:2a** (NIV) <sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead..." John 14:1

#### **2. He was given an impossible task.**

**Joshua 1:6b** (NIV) <sup>6b</sup> "You will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them."  
Numbers 13:1; 26-33; 14:6-8, 10-11; Luke 1:37; 18:27

#### **3. He was promised conditional success.**

**Joshua 1:7-8** (NIV) <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. Joshua 14:10

#### **4. He was assured of God's unconditional presence.**

**Joshua 1:5b** (NIV) <sup>5b</sup> I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 2 Chronicles 7:11-15; 20:1-13, 17-18, 22, 27

**Joshua 1:9b** (NIV) <sup>9b</sup> Do not be terrified or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

## **Living in the Power of God's Promise**

### **1. Never Doubt God's Loving Presence.**

**Psalm 139:7-10** (NIV) <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. 2 Kings 6:15-17; John 3:8

**Isaiah 30:19b, 21** (NIV) <sup>19b</sup> How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. <sup>21</sup> Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

### **2. Never Question God's Redemptive Power.**

**Isaiah 1:18** (NIV) <sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Luke 22:31-32; 1 John 1:9; Joel 2:25; Acts 2:38-39; 1 John 2:15; 3:1, 9; John 6:66-69; 1 Peter 2:3

### **3. Seek to Trust God's Promises, First.**

**Proverbs 3:5-6** (MSG) <sup>5</sup> Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. <sup>6</sup> Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Jeremiah 29:11, 13; Matthew 6:33; 22:37-40; Romans 1:5; 6:3-4, 6-7

**2 Peter 1:4** (NIV) <sup>4</sup> God has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. Hebrews 13:5

**Matthew 7:14** (NIV) <sup>14</sup> Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Proverbs 14:12; 22:5

**"When in doubt, trust in the promises of God!"**