



**COURAGE IN THE FIRE – MRS. JUDITH D. TRIMBLE (ASST. TO PASTOR)  
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**JOSHUA 1:1-9 (NKJV)**

*After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: <sup>2</sup> "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> 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."*

**1. GOD WILL TELL YOU WHAT'S DEAD IN YOUR LIFE IF YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW.**

*Verse 1 – After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:*

**2. LISTEN INTENTLY TO WHAT GOD IS SAYING.**

*Verse 2 – Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.*

- Understand that you are not just going for you, someone else needs to know the way.

**II CORINTHIANS 1:4 (NKJV)**

*Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

**3. GET A VISION FROM GOD FOR GOD TO BLESS.**

*Verse 3-4 – Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.*

**4. GOD’S PRESENCE ALWAYS ACCOMPANIES HIS PROVISION.**

Verse 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.*

**QUESTION:** So what has God provided?

- a. His protection

Verse 5a – *No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life...*

- b. His presence

EXODUS 33:14 (NKJV) – Affords rest

And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

PSALM 16:11 (NKJV) – Gives direction and joy

*You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

PSALM 23:4 (NKJV) – Gives us comfort and protection

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

ISAIAH 43:2 (NKJV) – Gives us victory

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.*

GENESIS 28:15 (NKJV) – He is my keeper, sustainer and my guarantee

*Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.*

**5. YOUR ASSIGNMENT REQUIRES YOU TO BE MORE COURAGEOUS THAN YOU HAVE EVER BEEN TO DO WHAT YOU’VE NEVER DONE.**

Verse 6 – *Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.*

**6. SOME THINGS YOU WON'T SEE OR COMPREHEND WITHOUT STRENGTH AND COURAGE.**

*Verse 7 – Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go*

**7. YOU WILL ONLY KNOW AND DO WHAT YOU SAY AND THINK CONSISTENTLY.**

*Verse 8 – This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

**8. HIS COMMAND IS HIS YES FOR US TO GO; OUR GOING IS OUR YES TO HIS YES.**

*Verse 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.*

**II CORINTHIANS 1:20 (NKJV)**

*For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*