

FORWARD MARCH!

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JOSHUA 1:2-8 NKJV - (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. **(3)** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. **(4)** 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. **(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. **(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. **(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. **(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.

Notice if you will, the writer mentions you will have “Success in **verse 7** and in **verse 8** (depending on your translation).” A small word with a big definition! I can tell you what it’s defining is not, “Having a lot of money, it is not having a big (famous) name, it is not the holding of a high position. Just a few to give an example of what success is not. We know miserable people with a lot of money. We know people in positions, but they are not necessarily nice to be around and being prominent can only last for a minute. This is not what the bible means by success.

Success has to do with completing why you were born and born again. Success is living out your ordained reason for being. It is being what you were put here to be and doing what you were put here to do. Success is arriving at a prescribed destination. God has promised us good things. A life filled with the purpose and power we need to carry it out. In this meditation I will give you four important points to seeing that promised fulfilled, even if you feel trapped by past failures and fears.

- 1. Don’t focus on yesterday. (Verse 2)** – The writer says, “My servant Moses is dead.” Moses played a major role in the story prior, but now this is about you! Not Moses. Moses is no longer in the equation. But did you learn from him? God needs you to step up to the plate and trust Him. Let go of yesterday. Don’t linger on your failures. Today is a new day. Repent and let God show you what next in your assignment. Don’t envy others! God has no favorites. It’s about you. Let God move you forward.
- 2. Seize what I have promised you. (Verse 3-6)** – God has an inheritance for you. CLAIM IT! He made a promise for the abundant life just for you (**John 10:10**). It’s like whatever is under that Christmas tree (Gift) is strictly for you. CLAIM IT!
- 3. Focus on God, not people. (Verse 7)** – People can mess you up! They will sometimes be jealous of what God has for you and He has something special for them to, but they want what you have. They feel that their resources will get them what they want, but that resource is not God. Don’t be scared! Don’t be afraid of people who can only kill the body, but be afraid of the one who can destroy the body and soul. God said be strong in His word!
- 4. Stay restricted to God’s word. (Verse 8)** – Yes, you heard what people have told you. Many of them just want to see you fail. But I have one question, “What did God say in verse eight. What is written in the bible is what YOU live by period!

Now you have gotten your instructions, **FORWARD MARCH!**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 KINGS 2:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A whole lot of kneeling will keep you in good standings.

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”