

Noonday Bible Study
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Lesson 2

“Faith for the Next Assignment”

Faith:

- A deep, active trust, confidence, and allegiance to God.
- Faith is how believers connect with God and receive salvation.

Joshua 1:1-9

(vs1)

**“Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass,
That the Lord spake unto Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses’s minister saying,”**

(vs2)

**“Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, that, and all
this people, unto the land which I do give them, even to the children of Israel.”**

(vs3)

**Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon, that I have given unto you,
as I said unto Moses.”**

(vs4)

**“From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river of
Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going
down of the sun, shall be your coast.”**

(vs5)

**“There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I
was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”**

(vs6)

**“Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an
inheritance the land, which I swore unto their Fathers to give them.”**

(vs7)

“Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.”

(vs8)

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do accordingly to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then shalt thou have good success.”

(vs9)

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

Note:

- Joshua is commanded by God to lead the Israelites into the Promise land, after Moses' death.
- He is told to overcome fear, remain obedient to God's laws, be courageous in action, because God promises to be with His people wherever they go.
- The Israelites leadership changed, Moses died and now Joshua is in charge.
- One era ends and a new journey begins.
- God's plans continue, even when leadership changes.
- He was to several times to be strong and courageous, He must overcome any doubt. (internal and external)

Courageous:

- Courage is not the absence of fear, but steadfast trust in God's promises in the face of uncertainty.
- Biblical courage is anchored in faith, knowing that God is present and protective. Standing firm when you feel weak.

Note:

- Being courageous, you have an assurance rooted in trusting God's promises and Him.

Crf:**1 Samuel 17**

David's courage came not from his own combat skills, but from his unwavering faith in God. It gave him confidence within himself, to take down Goliath.'

John 16:33

Jesus told His disciples to take courage despite worldly suffering because He has overcome the world."

Note:

- **True prosperity and success are tied to obedience to God. They are also tied to meditating on God and His Word, day and night, applying them rather than relying on human strength.**
- **God guarantees them that He is with them wherever they go. We can't face any challenges or go anywhere alone. God is always with us!**

Isaiah 43:18-19

(vs 18)

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old."

(vs19)

"Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

Note:

- **This is a message of hope and renewal. Believers are told to release, forget their past.**
- **The prophet Isaiah spoke these words to the Israelites during Babylonian exile. God was reminding the people that just as He miraculously parted the Red Sea in the past (old things). He was about to deliver them from Babylon in a way that would be even more spectacular and unexpected. (the new thing)**

- Forget about what didn't happen or did happen. Your failures, heartaches, etc.
- God wants to do a new thing, as you focus on Him, the present and the future.
- He has unexpected provisions (blessings), and He always leads and guides us to what we need; when things are difficult.
- The past can dictate your future. It can hinder your growth, faith and destinations, etc. Whatever God has for you, can be delayed if you keep looking back. You can't go forward.

Crf:

Luke 9:62

"And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Note:

- Looking back while working, causes a farmer to lose focus and plow crooked lines.
- Looking back will hinder you from being who God called you to be and from being fit for the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus said, you must work and not look back; so you can be fit for the Kingdom of God.
- When doing God's work, we cannot be effective in the Kingdom of God, when we keep looking back. We have lost nothing behind us.

Crf:

Luke 17:32

"Remember Lot's wife."

Genesis 19: 12-13, 15,17,26

(vs12)

“And the men said unto Lot, hast thou here any besides thee? Son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place.”

(vs 13)

“For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

(vs15)

“And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.”

(vs 17)

“And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, escape for thy life: look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.”

(vs26)

“But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”

Note:

- Lot and his family were spared from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- They were told to escape for their lives and not look back. Destruction was behind them.
- The angel warned Lot to leave Sodom after gathering his family. Because God’s judgment was upon the city, due to severe wickedness.
- We need to take Spiritual warnings seriously and save those that we care about.
- The angel told Lot to hurry, so that he wouldn’t get caught up in the city’s punishment.
- God showed Lot grace, by pulling him out of danger, before it was too late.
- He does the same for us today, He will show grace and warn us also, to move or do whatever to spare us from being connected to it and affecting us.

- They were instructed to flee to the mountains and not to look back or stop anywhere in the valley.
- They had to surrender to God's directions, forgetting what they were leaving behind.
- This is what we have to do, surrender to God's will, His lead, His directions and His Word.
- He has more for us going forward, than what is behind us.
- The past and some situations don't mean us no good.
- There is some good that has happened to us in the past, but we must not focus on that and move on. Everything wasn't bad, just a challenge.
- Looking back can cost us. It can prevent you from going forward and it cost you your life.
- God wants to do a new thing in your life. He wants to restore and transform some things in your life.
- He has the blueprint for our lives and wants to release and provide new opportunities, giving us a fresh start when needed.
- He said that He will even make provisions in the desert, (in the wilderness and waste land)
- This represents challenging times, impossible situations, etc.
- God promises to make a way, when there seems to be no way and a need.

Proverbs 3:5-6

(vs5)

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding"

(vs6)

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Note:

- Encourages us from shifting our reliance from our own limited human understanding into God's infinite wisdom, with the promise that He will guide your life.
- We are instructed to Trust in the Lord with all our heart. Having total, wholehearted reliance on God.
- A call to place our confidence completely in His character, rather than in our human understanding, or material things, or temporary circumstances.
- We need to rely on God and His ways. Choose God's way, our human perspective is limited, while God is not and He sees the Bigger picture.
- In all our ways submit and acknowledge Him.
- We need to make sure that we seek God's Will in everything: not just on specific days or big decisions.
- God should be in everything that we do; relationships, careers, finances and every day choices.
- He will direct our paths, He promised to guide and direct us.
- He can clear our paths of obstacles that can hinder us and establish the right direction for us.
- We will have challenges in life, but God is right there waiting to lead and provide for us.
- We will have challenges, but God will lead us through them as well as to our next place in Him; or our destination for Him.
- Trust God in everything!!!
- Listen for His voice in everything you do; wherever you go, He will direct you and show you what's best for you.
- Our faith increases in the challenges that we face. Trusting God helps increase your faith and make you stronger in Him.

