

God I Need the Confidence to Keep Going

Joshua 1



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Have You Ever Had...

...Had Your Expectations Zapped Before Your Eyes?

- All Your Hopes**
- All Your Dreams**
- All Your Plans Gone!**
- Your Knocked Down!**
- All You Can See is What Used to Be!**

Satan Desires to Keep You Looking in Reverse

**How Do You Get the Confidence to Get Back
Up!**

Those Where the Days ...

I'm sure Joshua must have felt incomplete when called to succeed Moses.

The Man of God Who...

- withstood Pharaoh and brought Egypt to its knees
- parted the Red Sea
- brought manna from heaven
- brought water from the rock
- received the Law of God in stone
- spoke with God face-to-face
- saw the Glory of God
- led Israel through the wilderness for 40 years.

Those Where the Days ...

The Bible was National Standard for Conduct

- God was at the Center of

- Schools
- Community events
- Government

Good News and Bad News

- Bad-Those Days are Gone
- Good- God is Still in Control



Those Where the Days ...

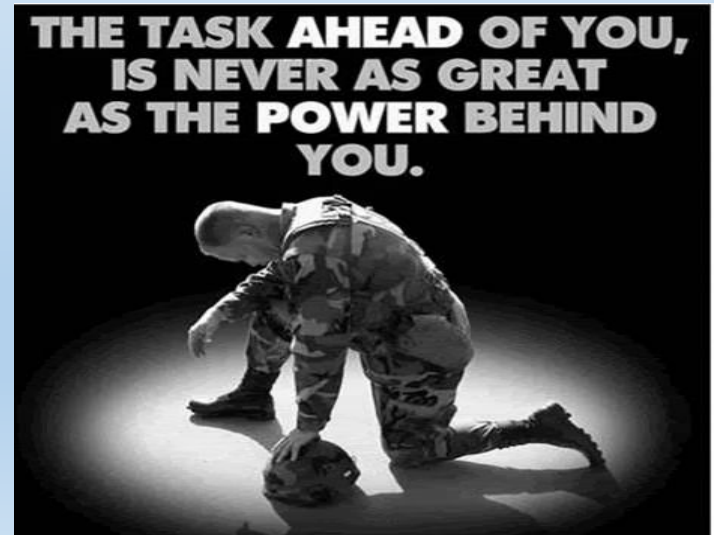
Yesterday Got Us Here...But
...Yesterday Cannot Move Us
Through...

...Todays Challenges –
Battles

We Need a Fresh...

- Anointing (power/ confidence)
- Perspective (wisdom/ direction)

Rise Up!



What Joshua Needed was a Dose of God-Inspired Confidence.

- Confidence is Simply a Feeling Of Trust, Reliance, Faith, and Certainty in Someone or Something.
- Not Self-confidence but Christ-Confidence.
- Joshua's name was really a new name given to him by Moses.
- His original name was *Hoshea* (Numbers 13:8), meaning "*salvation*"
- Joshua means "*The Lord is salvation*" with emphasis on *the Lord*.
- Joshua was indeed the Instrument God Used...
...but the Lord himself was the Source of Victory.

Notice How Often Scripture Exhorts us to Confident Living:

• **Proverbs 3:26:** *"For the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared."*

• **Jeremiah 17:5, 7:** *"This is what the Lord says: 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord... But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.'"*

• **Philippians 1:6:** *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."*

• **Hebrews 10:35:** *"Do not throw away your confidence."*

• **Hebrews 13:6:** *"So we say with confidence..."*

• **1 John 4:17:** *"We will have confidence on the day of judgment."*

Three Promises From God...

**...When You Need the
Confidence**

...to Go On and

...Assures Powe

Perspective



Divine Promise...

I Will Give You Every Place You Set Your Foot (3, 4)

Divine Promise + Human Responsibility = Success.

- God **Gave** the land, but the People had to **Possess It**.
- By faith, we Claim the Promises of God.
- **We have to "set our foot" on the Promise for it to be a Reality.**
- God looks for **Active Faith**, not **Passive Faith**.

The Warrior Spirit

•It is too easy to get Discouraged and Intimidated in Our Faith -Num 13:27

•We need the Spirit of Joshua and Caleb, who were Willing to Possess the Promised Land- Num 14:6-9

Divine Power...

I Will Be With You as I Was With Moses (5)

"No one will be able to stand up against you."

- **Why? Because He was Doing the Will of God.**
- **The Promise Does Not Pertain to Self-Interests but to Acting on the...**

...Will of God Herein Lies Our Confidence

Deuteronomy 28:2 (KJV)

² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

⁷ The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

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God was with Moses in...

- **Providential Care:** Protected from harm while confronting Pharaoh
- **Limitless Sufficiency:** On Mount Sinai he meets God as the great "I Am," meaning, I will be what you need in every situation.
- **Divine Authority:** God transformed his shepherd's rod into a sign of authority
- **Miracle Power.** Through the power of God, the destroyer of the firstborn smote Egypt, the sea parted, manna came from heaven, water issued forth from the rock, the cloud guided them through the desert, they were victorious in battle
- **Close Friendship:** God spoke with Moses face-to-face

Divine Presence...

I Will Never Leave You (5-9)

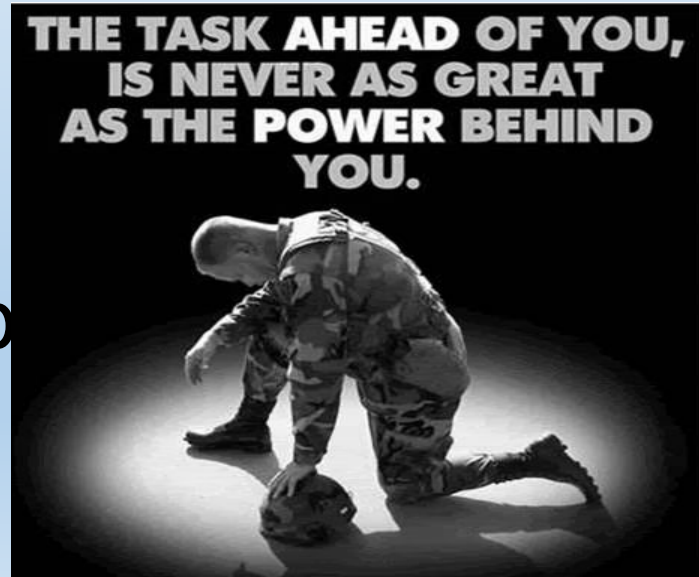
The Biblical Concept of the Presence of God is...

...More Than His Omnipresence;

...it is His Active, Powerful Presence in Our Lives.

The Presence of God is a...

- Guiding Presence- Exodus 33:14
- Protective Presence- Psalm 23:4
- Joyful Presence- Psalm 16:11
- Reassuring Presence- Matthew 18:20
- Comforting Presence- John 14:18



Stand Back Up!

