

“Get Ready; Get Set . . .” Jan. 23, 2022

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⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:8-9).

1. The LORD is **speaking** to Joshua (1-9)
 - a. The death of Moses (see Deut. 34)
 - b. YHWH **reminds** Joshua
 - i. His promise (Genesis 12:6-7)
 - ii. His presence (Deut. 31:6-8)
 - c. **Meditate** on God’s instructions (1:8)
 - d. Strength and courage are **required** (1:9)
2. Joshua tells the officers to tell the people “get ready” (10-11)
3. Joshua reminds the Transjordan tribes of their promise (12-15)
4. The people speak **encouragement** to Joshua (16-18)

Five principles in the doing of God’s will (application)

- Don’t go ahead unless God is **with** you
- Don’t take anything unless God **gives** it to you
- Don’t **ignore** what God has already told you
- Don’t think it is going to be **easy**
- Don’t neglect to **encourage** others

On Your Own (better with others)

1. READ the verses below and see who is being encouraged by God’s presence “with” them. Are you encouraged?

Exodus 3:12 (YHWH to _____)

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 (Moses to _____)

Judges 6:16 (YHWH to _____)

1 Samuel 17:37 (King Saul to _____)

Jeremiah 1:8, 19 (YHWH to _____)

Matthew 28:18-20 (Jesus to _____)

Hebrews 13:5 (_____)

sign your name above

2. READ Psalm 1:2. How can you meditate on Scripture “day and night?” Suggest three ways to do this.
3. READ Numbers 32. This is background to Joshua 1:12-15 (Discuss the importance of unity among God’s people.)
 - 32:1-5 What did the Transjordan tribes ask?
 - 32:6-15 What was Moses initial response?
 - 32:16-19 What solution did they propose?
 - 32:20-24 Did Moses accept? What did Moses warn?
4. READ Joshua 1. Circle (or just count) the number of times that God says he is “giving” the land to Israel. _____ times
5. *agree/disagree*
It takes effort to receive the good gifts God has promised.
6. Tell of a time when you were facing a scary or uncertain future. How did the promises of God and encouragement of others help?