

“Getting There From Here”

Part 1 of 2

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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” (Joshua 1:7-8).

I. ESTABLISH A CLEAR PATH TO THE GOAL.

“After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: ‘Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west’” (Joshua 1:1-4).

What motivates people to get moving?

1. Pain

“‘I will set out and go back to my father’” (Luke 15:18a).

2. Pressure

“Then the word of the LORD came to him: ‘Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food’” (1 Kings 17:8-9).

3. Perspective

“As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ ‘Who are you, Lord?’ Saul asked. ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied. ‘Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do’” (Acts 9:3-6).

II. HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR GOD-GIVEN ABILITIES.

“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful

wherever you go....Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.’...‘Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!’” (Joshua 1:6-7, 9, 18)

III. KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

“Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God’” (Luke 9:62).

“‘Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go’” (Joshua 1:9b).

“Joshua told the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you’” (Joshua 3:5).

IV. LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES.

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go’” (Joshua 1:7).

“They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water....The LORD said to Joshua, ‘Stand up! What are you doing down on your face?’” (Joshua 7:5b, 10).

V. EXPECT GOD TO BE WITH YOU ON THE JOURNEY.

“No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you....Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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....Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go’” (Joshua 1:5, 8, 9b).

“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD’” (Joshua 24:15).

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