

Change is here to stay

Joshua 1:1-3

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying 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.

The promise is here to stay

Joshua 1: 4-5

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.

The challenge is here to stay

Joshua 1: 6-7

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.

The Word is here to stay

Joshua 1:8-9

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. ⁹"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Provisions needed

Joshua 1:10

¹⁰"Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹"Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, `Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'"

Fear needs to go

2 Timothy 1:6-7

⁶"Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Proverbs 29:25

²⁵"The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe."

The Message

²⁵"The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in GOD protects you from that."

The fear-antidote

1 John 4:17-19

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love Him because He first loved us.

Old wineskins need to go

Mark 2:21-22

²¹ "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. ²²"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

<u>Theodore Roosevelt</u>, "Man in the Arena" Speech given April 23, 1910 26th president of US (1858 - 1919)

The final word

Hebrews 10:39

³⁹But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.