

Forward

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I. Introduction

II. Moving forward requires us to come to terms with the past and be open to a new future.

Joshua 1:1-2 (NIV) ¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²"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."

A. God needed Joshua to understand two things.

1. The old way of leadership is gone.
2. There was a new season right before him.

Philippians 3:13 (NIV)

B. Moving forward requires preparation.

Joshua 1:2b (NIV) *get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.*

III. How can we get ready for what's ahead?

A. See through the eyes of faith what God wants for us.

Joshua 1:3-5 (NIV) ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea^e on the west. ⁵No 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.

Exodus 23:20, 31 (NIV)

B. Have the right attitude and make the right choices.

Joshua 1:6-9 (NIV) ⁶"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷Be 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. ⁸Do 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. ⁹Have 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."

1. The 1st theme -- Be strong and courageous.

Deuteronomy 31:1-2, 7-8 (NIV)

2. The 2nd theme -- Obey the Book of the law.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) ⁸Do 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 1:8b (NIV) *Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

- C. Share our forward movement with others.

Joshua 1:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ¹¹"Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.'"

IV. Conclusion