

## STAY CLOSE #2

Joshua 1:1-9;

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### SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE

### SLIDE 2 – SOME THOUGHTS ON “SAFE” credit Jake Wiskerchen/Zephyr Wellness

- Pandemic – “stay safe” – except “safe” isn’t a feeling (1 of 10 core emotions)
  - It’s a belief, interpretation, understanding, impression, thought, idea – possible that Not ‘feeling safe’ = FEAR
  - We can control our THINKING/thoughts; not always our FEELINGS
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### SLIDE 3 – STAY CLOSE – PRESENCE – 2022

- Not a fearful “stay close” THINK: invitation to **dwelling** (remain, live, inhabit, stay)
- Our place is in the shadow of Most High; to be where He is, walk in His ways

### SLIDES 4-11 – JOSHUA 1:1-9

### SLIDE 12 – TIME FOR CHANGE

- Big changes for Israel: leaving 40 years of wandering (led by Spirit) in the desert
- Moses – led Israel for 40+ years; OUT of slavery -12 generations; now he’s dead
  - NOW – Moses chief assistant, Joshua, anointed & appointed to lead
  - Joshua – he’s been honored, but he’s never been “the guy”
  - Moses – mighty works, the Law, face-to-face, glowing face – superhero

### SLIDE 13 – TIME TO GET READY

- Moses is dead; Now, you & Israel get ready to cross the Jordan River
- Time to receive the Land God promised you & your people
  - The Land’s boundaries – bigger than you can imagine
- God gives the Land – no opposing armies will be able to stand against you
  - I WILL GIVE YOU every place your foot steps

### SLIDE 14 – BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS

- Challenge/instruction → be strong & courageous – I am giving you the Land
- **BE STRONG** – *strengthen, harden self, be firm, toughen up*
- **BE COURAGEOUS** – *to be strong, brave, bold, secure, stubborn (good way)*
  - I will NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE you (Joshua - & Israel)
- You will be opposed by armies (Nephilim & the ½ demon spawn) BUT →
  - Be strong & very courageous & TRUST in Me & in My ways (obey Me)
- As I was w/Moses, I WILL BE WITH you – you WILL LEAD Israel in

### SLIDE 15 – BE CAREFUL TO OBEY....

- Source of life, strength, courage, etc.
- Be careful to obey all the law (God's direct & prophetic instructions; Torah)
  - Not about legalism – about favor, blessing, humility (rely on God)
  - Staying in proper relationship to God – created vs. Creator
- Keep the law on your heart, mind, & in your mouth
  - MEDITATE on it – study, dwell upon, look towards it, talk on it/about it
- Be strong & courageous – God commands it & provides the ways/means
- Do NOT be afraid; do NOT be discouraged – primary attack points
  - Focused on circumstances, resources of enemy/opponent – vs. on God

#### SLIDE 16 – A LOOK AHEAD: 2022

- Karl Vaters – article – What can we learn from 2021?
- What's changed forever & how does this influence how we engage with each other as a church?
- What about those that left in 2020/2021 – health, fear, new place - & haven't been back? How about 'online' church?

#### SLIDE 17 – "TO DO"

- **Stay close to Jesus**
  - Dwell, make your home (as for me & my house) in Christ; not superstition
- **Be flexible/open to God-directed change**
  - Not just traditions, methodologies, "THIS is how God works"
- **Be prepared – when God says "Get ready"**
  - He's leading & guiding us towards His 'Missio Dei' – He invites us to it
- **Be strong & very courageous – God is WITH us**
  - Primary points of attack – fear, discouragement, criticism, negativity
  - Come in the opposite Spirit – faith, courage, praise, positivity
- **Be careful to obey all we know to obey**
  - God isn't interested in grand gestures or our take on 'great things'; He wants our hearts, minds, lives – He IS our list
  - Don't need to pray about explicit directions/obedience
  - Live well, rest, rhythm, **John 10:10**

#### SLIDE 18 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

#### SLIDE 19 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27

- **Numbers 6:22-27** *The LORD bless you & keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you & be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you & give you peace." So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."*