

# *Keys To Victory*

*Part IV*

*Joshua 1:1-9 NKJV*

*Last Week...*

## *4 Keys For Victory*

*Identify The Adversary*

*Understand The Aim of the Adversary*

*Recognize The Tactics of the Adversary*

- *Tempt You*
- *Deceive You*

*Utilize the Ammunition Provided For the Adversary*

- *The Whole Armor of God*
  - *Power of Prayer*
  - *Submission to God*

## Joshua 1:1-9 (NKJV)

1 After 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.

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.**

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.**

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."**

## Introduction

*We are constantly engaged in spiritual warfare with a spiritual enemy who is far more powerful than we are...*

*In our own strength, we cannot defeat our enemies...*

*The good news for believers is that we don't fight to gain victory...we already have victory...*

*The Bible speaks of the Victorious Life... We have been Given*

*Romans 8:31 (NKJV)*

*31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

*Romans 8:37 (NKJV)*

*37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

*1 Corinthians 15:57 (NKJV)*

*57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Deuteronomy 20:4 (NIV)*

*4 For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."*

*2 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB)*

*14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ...*

## Introduction

*In Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, the People of God are given a PROMISE...*

*Exodus 3:8 (NLT)*

*8 So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live.*

*In this season, all they have is THE PROMISE.... They have OWNERSHIP, but NO OCCUPANCY*

*They are now OUT OF EGYPT ~ But NOT IN THE PLACE OF PROMISE*

*They are in a PLACE OF WANDERING*

*They are in a PLACE OF MANNA FROM HEAVEN*

*They are in a PLACE WHERE THERE ARE NO EXTERNAL ENEMIES*

*So, in order to OCCUPY WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED....*

*WANDERING has to turn into WARFARE*

*HAVE YOU SETTLED FOR WANDERING AND PROCLAIMING ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU...*

*OR...*

*ARE YOU READY TO WALK INTO THE VICTORIOUS LIFE GOD HAS PROMISED*

# Key #1 ~ Victory Is Ordained By God

Joshua 1:2-3 (NKJV)

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.

**"I HAVE GIVEN YOU THE LAND..."**

Joshua is reminded that the Lord has **ALREADY GIVEN THE LAND** of Canaan to the children of Israel, but they must proceed forward **TO POSSESS** what God has **ORDAINED FOR THEM TO HAVE...**

**GOD SPEAKS IN UNUSUAL LANGUAGE...**

He speaks as if it's **ALREADY DONE**, although you have not arrived **YET...**

We Must **TRUST WHAT HE SAYS** and **BELIEVE WE CAN HAVE** what he says you can have...

Deuteronomy 8:10-14 (NIV)

10 **WHEN YOU HAVE EATEN AND ARE SATISFIED**, praise the Lord your God for the good land **he has given you**.  
11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws, and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, **WHEN** you eat and are satisfied **WHEN** you build fine houses and settle down,  
13 and **WHEN** your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied,  
14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt...

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**GOD SPEAKS IN UNUSUAL LANGUAGE...**

*Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)*

31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And **WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK**, strengthen your brothers."

*2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)*

3 His divine power **HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

*1 Timothy 6:17 (NKJV)*

17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, **WHO GIVES US RICHLY ALL THINGS TO ENJOY.**

God has already **ORDAINED/DESIGNED A VICTORIOUS LIFE FOR YOU**

Are you **PREPARED TO CLAIM** what He Has Promised!!!

*Jeremiah 29:11 ~ I know the plans I have for you...Plans to Prosper You, Give You Hope and A Future...  
{This is spoken while in Bondage}*

# Key #1 ~ Victory Is Ordained By God

3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon  
*I HAVE GIVEN YOU*, as I said to Moses.

*Although It Is Ordained ~ You Determine How Much Of the Blessing You Desire To Have*  
The Land God Gave Them Was About *300,000 square miles...*  
They *only claimed 30,000 square miles* of it...  
They were *LIMITED BY THEIR FAITH AND PURSUIT OF MORE...*

## *Biblical Example*

*2 Kings 4:1-7 (NIV)*

1 The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. *But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.*"

2 Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a little oil." 3 Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. *DON'T ASK FOR JUST A FEW.*

4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." 5 She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her, and *she kept pouring.* 6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "*Bring me another one.*" But he replied, "*THERE IS NOT A JAR LEFT.*" *THEN THE OIL STOPPED FLOWING.*



# Key #2 ~Understand God's Timing

*Joshua 1:1-2 (NLT)*

1 After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua, son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, **THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO LEAD** these people...

When you read the **Journey To This Point...** **Moses'** name is mentioned in **every chapter of Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy... {except 3} of the 110 Chapters...** It mentions **Moses'** name and leadership assignments in **107 of the 110 Chapters...** **Moses** constantly **communicates with God...**  
Is constantly **used by God...** Is constantly **praised by God...**

Whereas **Joshua** is mentioned in **4 of 34 chapters** in Deuteronomy....**5 of 36 chapters** in Numbers and **4 of the 40** Chapters in Exodus... That is only **13 of the 110** Chapters... **Joshua** goes through a period when his NAME was not mentioned **BUT HIS PURPOSE IS ESTABLISHED...** He goes through **A SEASON OF PREPARATION**, where he watches Moses lead God's people...

He goes through **A SEASON** where **he sees Moses' mistakes...** He goes through a season when he was not **the main character**, but he served in **a supporting role...** You must understand that **ALL that you have gone through** was **for such as time as this...** You've gone through the training to put you in **A POSITION OF VICTORY....** Joshua learned how to **OBEY AS A SERVANT** before he commanded **AS A GENERAL...**

# Key #2 ~ Understand God's Timing

*"The Time Has Come For You To Lead"*

God has you *patiently waiting and watching*... Now it's **YOUR TIME**... Many people will make you feel like it's **NOT YOUR TURN YET**.... But you must be ready for **YOUR TIME**... God has **AN APPOINTED TIME** for You...

*It's your time ~ to step up and lead*

*It's your time ~ to step up and take control*

*It's your time ~ to exhibit what you have experienced*

*It's your time ~ to put into practice what you have prepared for*

## God Knows When It's Time

*Jeremiah 12:5 (NKJV)*

5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you,  
Then **HOW CAN YOU CONTEND WITH HORSES?** And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted,  
they wearied you, **THEN HOW WILL YOU DO IN THE FLOODPLAIN OF THE JORDAN?**

**God Will Not Give ELEVATION Without PREPARATION**

# Key #3 ~Courage is Necessary To Face Opposition and Seize Opportunity

“Be Strong And Courageous”

Vs. 6 begins with *Be Strong and Courageous...* vs. 7 says *Only be strong and very courageous...* vs. 9, he asks the question... *Have I not commanded you to Be strong and very courageous...?*

Joshua is a book of **WARFARE...**

Fear is a **CRIPPLING EMOTION...** It causes *anxiety* and drains you of *your energy...*  
Remember...God has not *given us a SPIRIT of FEAR...* but of Love, Power, and A Sound Mind...

The thing that will *hinder you* from achieving Good Success and Victory is **YOUR FEARS...**  
*Haters can hinder it... Racism can't stop it... Politics can't stop it... FEAR* is the thing that will put a halt  
to your success...**YOU CAN NOT BE CONTROLLED BY FEAR...**

When you are **WALKING IN PURPOSE**, you must learn to **TRUST GOD'S PLAN...**  
GOD's PLAN will always lead us into the **UNKNOWN... UNCOMFORTABLE....**  
And what we think is **UNNECESSARY...**  
**THIS PLACE REQUIRES COURAGE**

# Key #3 ~ Courage is Necessary To Face Opposition and Seize Opportunity “Be Strong And Courageous”

*COURAGE* brings about *CONFIDENCE*... Because you *KNOW YOUR CONCLUSION*...

God does not *ELIMINATE THE OPPOSITION* ~ He Only *MAGNIFIES THE OPPORTUNITY*  
*Exodus 3:8 (NKJV)*

8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

## *Your Faith Is Connected To Your Focus*

*The Land Flowing With Milk and Honey vs. The Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites... etc....*  
*Hebrews 12:2 ~ Looking to Jesus, the author, and finisher of our faith...*

*1 Corinthians 16:9 (NKJV)*

9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

*OPPORTUNITY* is often Disguised as *OPPOSITION*

## Key #3 ~Courage is Necessary To Face Opposition and Seize Opportunity

*Numbers 13:26-33 (NKJV)*

26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation *and showed them the fruit of the land.* 27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. *It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.*

28 **NEVERTHELESS** the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 *The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea...*

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said,  
*"Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."*

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, *"We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."* 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants), and *we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."*



*In Conclusion*

*Key #1 ~Victory Is Ordained By God*

*Key #2 ~Understand God's Timing*

*Key #3 ~Courage is Necessary  
To Face Opposition and Seize Opportunity*

# Commit To God's Word

*“Meditate On God's Word Day And Night”*

*It's interesting to me that he connects daily devotion with God's Word.... To prosperous living...  
God understands that there are principles and precepts in this Book that will lead to prosperous living...  
Similar to Psalm 1 ~ Meditate on the Word Day and Night...He shall be like a tree, bringing forth fruit in his  
season...and whatever he does it will prosper...*

*There is value in the Word of God ~ There is victory ...~There is virtue in the Word of God...*

*Complete ~ Study All of God's Word...not just the parts you like...  
Consistent ~ Develop a Pattern of Studying God's Word DAILY ~ Not a Weekend Religion...*

*Don't let it depart from your mouth ~ Talk About It  
Meditate on It Day and Night ~ Think About It  
Obey it Daily ~ Be About It*

# Evaluate Your Partnership

*“As I Was With Moses....So Shall I Be With You”*

*“I am sure that Joshua looked at Moses and often wondered how is this guy able to do all of these things... He is not eloquent in speech...He is rough around the collar... No training... A little crazy... But he was able to do some amazing things... How was Moses able to Fulfill his assignment*

*God was with Him.... {The people complained... His sister was Jealous... His help was fickle...}  
But he had someone with him that carried him through the difficult times...*

*But make sure you know your Parent's God...*

*You will connect with a lot of people moving forward... Some will have bad motives... Some will be with you for a season... Some will use you for what they can get out of you....*

*But God will never leave nor forsake you....*

- *I was there with Moses...*

*I will be with you...That Same God Mentality....*



# Stand On God's Promises

*"Promise Of His Presence" ~ "Promise Of His Protection" ~ "Promise Of His Provision"*

*He makes some bold Promises to Joshua*

***HIS PRESENCE*** ~ *As I Was With Moses... So Shall I Be With You...*

*I will never leave nor forsake you*

*Lo, I am with you always... Even until the end of the earth*

*I am a very present help in a time of trouble*

***HIS PROTECTION*** ~ *NO ONE will be able to stand before you...*

*God says to Joshua...I will not remove your enemy, but I will give you victory*

***HIS PROVISION*** ~ *Wherever your foot touch...It is yours...*

*You must understand when you are a child of God...He provides for his child out of his abundance*

*{The earth is the Lord's and The Fullness Thereof...}*

*God didn't give Joshua explanations as to how He would accomplish these things, because God's people live on promises and not on explanations. When you trust God's promises and step out by faith (v. 3), you can be sure that the Lord will give you the directions you need when you need them.*

# *Victory Is Guaranteed*

*“And You Shall Have Good Success”*

*We are facing a season of UNCERTAINTY... Coming from this Pandemic...  
No one really knows how the economy will respond... How political games will impact our county...  
What will become of this violence in our city... This was the challenge of God’s people...  
They didn’t know what to expect moving forward... BUT!!!!*

*But God guarantees Success/Victory to those who obey and trust him...*

*AND HE WILL*



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