

## "5 Gifts from God.. for YOU!" - Josh 1:3-11

**The Gift of God's PROMISE- Believe it!**(v.3-4) - "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 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."

- NLT- "I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you..'"
- The Lord is telling Joshua that He's in complete control of everything; that He's already working on behalf of Joshua and Israel. All Joshua needed to do, was believe the promise of what God had in store for him... Just waiting to be claimed!
- Joshua would go on to defeat 7 Canaanite armies....because the LORD determined it!
  - Eph 2:10; Rom 11:29; Phil 1:6
  - "God is on the Throne!"?!? - Do we mean it?
- Waiting to marry Gina... I clung to His promise!
- Waiting for God's confirmation @ CCPR... I believed His Word!
- Waiting for Hurricane Supplies... I trusted the Scriptures!
- **But what about YOU?!?!** (Be like Joshua... believe it!)

**2. The Gift of God's PRESENCE- Practice it!**(v.5,9) - "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... 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."

- NLT- "No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you... This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (*Secret of Joshua's victories!* - Josh 5:13-15)



- This was also the secret weapon of king David!
  - Psalm 139:7-10 NLT - "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave,

*you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me and Your strength will support me." (Ps 23:4)*

- *This was the secret of **Israel** during their wilderness wanderings... **fire & smoke!***
  - *This was **Paul's** source of power... everyone **deserted him**... many times!*
  - *This was the secret of **Patrick**... his "**Breastplate**" poem!*
  - *This gave strength even to **JESUS**... and He often mentioned the **Father's comfort!***
- **But what about YOU?!?! (Be like Joshua... practice it!)**

3. **The Gift of God's *PROCESS- Follow it!*** (v.6,7) - *"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. 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."*

- **NLT** - *"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do."*
- **Phil 2:12,13 NLT** - *"Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." (Matt 6 - birds) (2 Thess 3)*
- Div. **OPERATION**+ Human **COOP.**
- Div. **SOVEREIGNTY**+ Human **RESPON.**
  - *"Joshua, I will lead you, but you must work hard to follow what I show you. I will work for you, then you must work for Me."*
    - **2 Chron 20**- Jehoshaphat in battle..
    - **Mark 3**- Man with the withered hand..
    - **Mark 4**- Disciples crossing Sea of Galilee..

◦ **But what about YOU?!?! (Be like Joshua... follow it!)**

4. **The Gift of God's *PRECEPTS- Learn them!*** (v.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."*

- **NLT** - *"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper & succeed in all you do."*

- 2 Tim 2:15 - "studyit..."
- 2 Tim 3:16 - "sufficientfor all..."
- Psalm 1 - "fruitful life..."
- John 8:31-32 - "Freedom..."

• **But what about YOU?!?! (Be like Joshua... learn them!)**

5. **The Gift of God's PEOPLE- Join them! (v.10-11) - "Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, "Pass through the camp and command the people."**

• NLT - "Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, "Go through the camp and tell the people."

• "**Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!**"

• **T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Achieves More!**

◦ *One of the most powerful weapons on planet earth, to accomplish the will of God, and to grow the Kingdom of God...are the PEOPLE of God!!*

- OT: 12 Tribes
- NT: 12 Apostles
- GOD Himself: the Holy Trinity!
- Healthy Church: pastor, leaders, servants,....
- CCPR Hurr. Relief Team....

• **But what about YOU?!?!**