

March 8 — What's Next?

READ

Numbers 27:1-29:40

Numbers 27:22-23, *“So Moses did as the Lord commanded. He presented Joshua to Eleazar the priest and the whole community. Moses laid hands on him and commissioned him to lead the people, just as the Lord had commanded through Moses.”*

THINK

Have you ever been demoted? You put time and energy into making something great, only to see someone else receive the reward. If so, you're not alone!

In today's reading, Joshua is appointed the new leader of Israel. Moses had to hand over the reins after all he'd done (and put up with) for God's chosen people. And, he had to contend with the added disappointment of knowing he'd never personally enter the Promised Land! But Moses didn't complain or try to persuade God otherwise. Instead, his response was “What's Next?”

Have you been in a position like Moses? Demoted and discouraged after you invested in a certain relationship, company, or team, without reaping the benefits?

There's a lot we can learn from Moses' response. On this side of eternity, we may not see the reward of our efforts, there may be moments of demotion, but God sees all the good done for His Kingdom. Like Moses, we have to trust Him and look to what's next versus focusing and questioning God on what seems “fair.” As Christ-followers, our goal should be to further HIS Kingdom, not our own personal goals. Because, regardless of what's next in this life, we will one day receive the ultimate promotion when we see Jesus face to face in heaven!

PRAY

Dear God, Thank You for the reminder that You are always there, whether I receive a demotion or a promotion. Help me to not focus on furthering my name but furthering Your Kingdom!
Amen.