



Message Three: The Journey 2.0

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Today we continue our reflection on the journey of the last two and a half years. What has God taught us? What have we become a people of faith along this journey.

We have learned that God is *not* in a hurry. God's priority is not just the destination; it's the journey itself and what kind of people we are becoming. In this journey, patience and trust have become important virtues as our faith has been tested.

Today, we stand on the threshold of entering our new facilities. Our natural inclination would be to assume the journey is over. That would be wrong. The journey is simply moving to the next phase.

The Promise and The Challenge

Joshua 1:3-7, I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ...No one will be able to stand 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. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. "Be 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. NIV

God is speaking to Joshua, a new leader, who will take them to the next level of the journey.

It was God's promise, but **complacency** would not bring it about.

The promise was true, but the Israelites had to **take** it.

Promise: The land God promised them would be theirs.

Challenge: They had to set foot on it.

Promise: God will not forsake them.

Challenge: Obey the Word the Lord gave to Moses.

God Out Front

The Leader's Name is changed.

Numbers 13:16, These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua. NIV

*Hosea meant **salvation**. Joshua meant **The Lord is Salvation**.*

The presence of the Lord among his people was typified by the Ark of the Covenant.

*Joshua 3:5-6, **Consecrate yourselves**, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people." So they took it up and went ahead of them. NIV*

It is my heart felt conviction that God is preparing to do amazing things among us.

The key is "**God out front**."

The Tent Is Being Enlarged

Isaiah 54:2, *Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch you tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.* NIV

Each of us is a **stake**.

Deuteronomy 31:6, *Be strong and be bold for the Lord your God will go with you.*

The Journey continues!