

## ***Crashing Through Quitting Points! Feared Incompetency Joshua 1***

- ***Quitting points are those roadblocks in life that make us want to give up***

***Quitting Points are a Universal reality***

- ***Everyone HAS them and everyone HITS them***

***What separates the Conquerors from the Quitters?***

***Over the next several weeks we are going to look at some common ROADBLOCKS that become Quitting Points...***

***We are not going to be looking at how we can avoid quitting points, but rather how we can see them for what they are and crash through them!***

- ***Quitting points will either DEFINE us or REFINE us...***

***Quitting points need not BIND us, but can REMIND us of God's faithfulness through every trial***

***Today we are going to continue by looking at another QUITTING POINT that I'm calling "Feared Incompetency"***

***As I begin this morning I want to share with you something I deeply believe...***

***I believe the Lord desires to birth His dream... His purpose into the hearts of each one of His children!***

***If you are a child of God, know this... the Lord has amazing plans for you!***

***Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) — For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.***

***There are some of you watching or listening that have receive a DREAM from the Lord...***

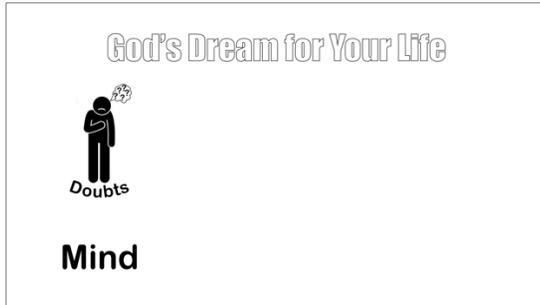
***You have had a ministry and/or mission planted in your spirit...***

***→ PIC 1 - VICTORY***

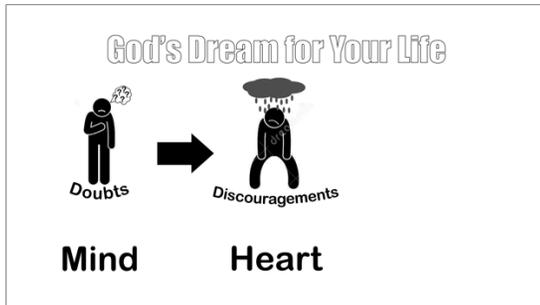


***But along the way it was pushed to the side...***

***→ PIC 2 - DOUBTS***



→ **PIC 3 - DISCOURAGEMENTS**



→ **PIC 4 - DEFEAT**



***Quitting points either REFINE you or CONFINE you, but your response will always DEFINE you***

***Again, today we are walking the path of Feared Incompetency...***

***We are going to be looking at Joshua...***

***The man, chosen by God to lead the people of Israel into the Land God had promised them...***

***Numbers 27:18–19 (ESV) — So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight.***

***I cannot imagine following Moses...***

***Moses grew up in Pharaoh’s home while Joshua grew up a slave...***

***Moses had been trained in the best schools in Egypt while Joshua was uneducated...***

***Moses had been militarily trained by the Egyptian generals while Joshua had no military training...***

***And that’s just for starts...***

***Moses...***

- ***Heard God’s voice and was God’s man before the people***
- ***He called down all the plagues of Egypt***
- ***He raised his staff and the Red Sea parted***

- **He lowered his staff and all the Egyptian army was drowned in the Sea...**
- **He was on the mountain with God for 40 days**
- **He spoke with God face-to-face**
- **He wrote the Torah!**
- **He was considered the most humble man on earth**
- **He handled criticism and complaints with grace**
- **He called water from a rock!**

**How do you follow this!**

**There is a STATEMENT ... a COMMAND that is stated SEVEN TIMES in this story of Joshua...**

**It is the COMMAND to “BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS”**

### **Moses to the People...**

**Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV) – Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”**

### **Moses to Joshua...**

**Deuteronomy 31:7 (ESV) – Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it.**

### **The Lord to Joshua...**

**Deuteronomy 31:23 (ESV) – And the LORD commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, “Be strong and**

**courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you.”**

**Joshua 1:6 (ESV) – Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.**

**Joshua 1:9 (ESV) – Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**

### **The People to Joshua...**

**Joshua 1:18 (ESV) – Whoever rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous.**

### **Joshua to the People...**

**Joshua 10:25 (ESV) – And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.”**

**What does it mean to be “strong and courageous”?**

**The word, “STRONG” here means to “be firm, resolute, confident”**

**“Strong” has to do with firmness and confidence in MIND...**

**The word “COURAGE” had roots in old French: coeur (“heart”), from the Latin word for heart, cor.**

Webster's Dictionary defines it as...

**“Courage is that inner fortitude which enables one to meet danger and difficulties with firmness and valor.”**

**Courage comes from the HEART...**

What does it mean to be strong and courageous?...

**“That quality of heart and mind which enables one to meet danger and difficulties with confidence and valor.”**

How did Joshua CRASH THROUGH HIS QUITTING POINT?

How can we CRASH THROUGH FEARED INCOMPETENCY?

**1. The Lord has PREPARED you more than you realize!**

➤ **Remember your past victories!**

→ **Joshua had fought against previous enemies**

Exodus 17:9–10a (NLT) — Moses commanded Joshua, “Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand.” So Joshua did what Moses had commanded and fought the army of Amalek.

→ **Joshua had been on the mountain with Moses when he received the Commandments of God**

Exodus 24:13 (ESV) — So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

→ **Joshua had been in the presence of the Lord with Moses**

Exodus 33:11 (ESV) — Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

→ **Joshua and Caleb were the two spies who trusted the Lord would give them the Promise land**

Numbers 14:6–10a (ESV) — And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.” Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones...

Joshua had shone himself faithful in those earlier opportunities...

Not knowing that the Lord was grooming him to be Moses' successor...

**Luke 16:10 (ESV) — One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.**

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**The key to keep Joshua from caving when the pressure was mounting and troubles arose was in knowing that the Lord was right there with him...**

**We too must always remember the Lord is ON OUR SIDE, and BY OUR SIDE!**

**Matthew 28:20b (ESV) — ... And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

**Hebrews 13:5b (ESV) — ... “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

**Because He never leaves us or forsakes us we can...**

➤ **Trust Him for all victories!**

**Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) — Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.**

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**3. The Lord will PROVIDE you with everything you need!**

**Joshua 1:2–3 (ESV) — “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.**

**Philippians 4:19 (ESV) — And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**

**What would have happened if Joshua would have waited for the Lord to secure the land for the people BEFORE he led them into the Promise land?**

**... He would have never entered the Promise Land**

**What would have happened if Joshua would have gone into the Promise land unarmed because the Lord told him the land was theirs?**

**... He would have been defeated**

**Just as Joshua had to step into God's promised provision, so you must...**

**→ Step into your future victories!**

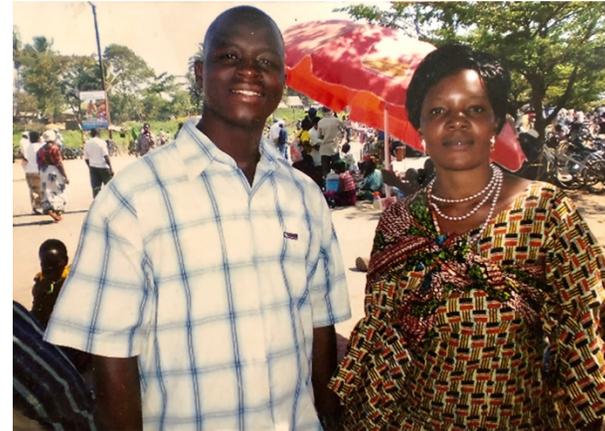
**Proverbs 21:31 (ESV) — The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.**

**1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV) — But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **STORY – Renatus Kanunu**

- **In 2010 I went to Africa for my first time...**
- **I went and taught 45 teaching pastors**
- **The Trinity, Spiritual Gifts, Spiritual Warfare**
- **My Interpreter was Renatus Kanunu**

**→ PIC 5 – RENATUS & GRACE**



- **Renatus was a Church planter**
- **He would go into unreached villages**
- **Start a Church**
- **1<sup>st</sup> church reached 200 he gave it to a pastor**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> church reached over 100 gave it to another pastor**

**But Renatus had ONE PROBLEM...**

**The Church plants didn't pay any money...**

**His family was living on <\$3 per day!!!**

**He had a DREAM FROM GOD to plant churches where no evangelical work had reached**

**But DOUBTS were beginning to rise...**

- **He couldn't own a home**
- **His children couldn't go to school**
- **His wife would sell vegetables for income**

**DISCOURAGEMENT began to grab his and Grace's hearts**

- **A man in our church at the time had given me a sizeable sum of money to use in missions**

- *I contacted Wade Akins before going to Africa to see what were the most pressing needs*
- *He told me about Renatus' difficulties*

*So we paid for him a Delivery Vehicle so he could start a business*

**→ PIC 6 – RENATUS WITH CARRIER**

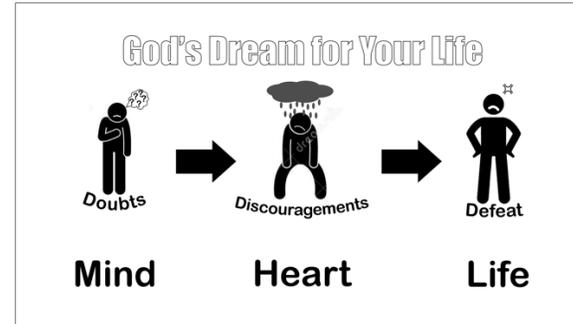


*After he found out Renatus came to me and said...*

*“I have been praying for God to provide and through this generous gift He has provided! I want you to know what this means.”*

*“My family will be taken care of for the rest of my life as I go fulfill my calling of planting churches.”*

**→ PIC 7 – DEFEAT**

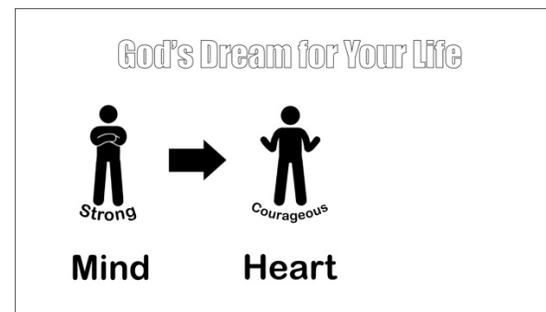


**→ PIC 8 – STRONG**



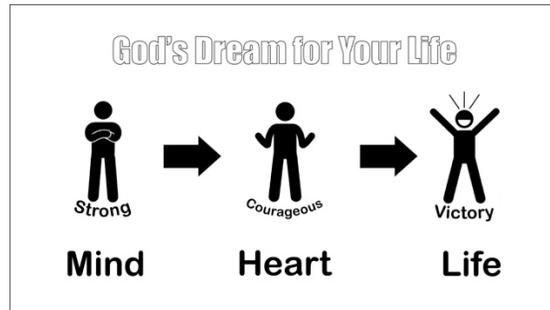
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**→ PIC 9 – COURAGEOUS**



***Courage comes from the HEART...***

**→ PIC 10 – VICTORIOUS**



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