

(Hebrews 11:1-3) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

(Hebrews 11:5-6 ESV) By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken, he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

--- The Struggle ---

(Joshua 1: 1-3, 5) The Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' Assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come to lead these people the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you. 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."

1. I become _____ in my current condition.

(Joshua 1:6) Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them.

2. I lean on my _____ and my _____ solution to the problem.

(Joshua 2:1) Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia Grove. He instructed them, "Scout out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho."

3. I listen to the _____.

(Joshua 2:23) Then the two spies came down from the hill country, crossed the Jordan River, and reported to Joshua all that had happened to them.

--- Courage over fear ---

✓ I will tune in to the _____.

(Joshua 3:7-8) The Lord told Joshua, "Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites. They will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses. Give this command to the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant: When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river and stop there."

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

✓ I will allow the _____ of what He says to change _____.

(Joshua 3:9-10) So Joshua told the Israelites, "Come and listen to what the Lord your God says. Today you will know that the living God is among you. He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites ahead of you."

(2 Timothy 4:5) But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

✓ I will _____ God, resulting in steps of _____.

(Joshua 3:15-16) It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho.

(2 Timothy 4:6-8) As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.