

Victory Christian Center

A Foursquare Church

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore." Hebrews 13:8 Our purpose and mission: To know the heart of God through...

• Teaching/Worshipping/Giving/Serving

Our values: To reflect our love for God through the...

• Word of God/Worship of God/Work of God

Our desire is to reflect our love for people with diginity and respect, to serve our community, to disciple individuals, and make an impact amoung our youth.

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Title: You got this!

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-18

Have you ever thought-what do I do now? How do I handle the circumstance I am in now? All of us have faced some sort of tranistion in our life-maybe a closed door, or a time of needing direction. No matter what, I want you to know that God cares about you and your future.

We have all had opportunnities come our way and at first we jumped right in with excitement and great expectation. Only to find we would face rejection, self-doubt, and fear. And when the next door opened we hesistated. Yes, many of us have found favor and were promoted-advanced. But many today are facing doors that are closing and are at a standstill in their walk with God and uncertain of their next move. Moses himself had his moments of faithfulness and committment to serving God but because of his disobedience-Joshua was given the opportunity to lead Israel instead of him.

I imagine that Joshua wondered if he was prepared to handle this daunting task but little did he know God was preparing him well in advance. Sometimes through ways we can not see God is positioning us and developing us through situations. Realize that every opportunity given there is growth taking place.

The question is will we always be willing to be obedient to His voice. Afterall, it is His plan for us to fulfill.

The Greek word for **strong** is <u>ischus-</u> refers to physical strength, power, or might. It is often used in the New Testament to describe the strength of God, the power of His might, or the strength that believers are encouraged to have in their spiritual lives.

The Hebrew word for **courageous** is <u>amets-</u>conveys the idea of strength and courage. It is often used in contexts where individuals are encouraged to be resolute and steadfast, especially in the face of challenges or adversaries.

The Greek word for **forsaken** is **kataleipó** -to leave behind, to abandon. Jesus will not do this. He will be there for us every step of the way.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; **he will never leave you nor forsake you**."

(Deuteronomy 31:6) ref to Joshua

"The Lord himself **goes before you and will be with you**, he will never leave you you nor forsake you. **Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged**." (Deuteronomy 31:8) ref to Joshua

<u>God delights when we involve Him</u> in our daily life. Afterall, <u>He knows what is</u> <u>best for us</u> and takes pleasure in guiding us.

We may not always agree with the path that is layed out for us but it is a path. We may not like the direction God gives us but it is direction. Growth is difficult as it takes effort and sometimes pain and discomfort. Growing in your relationship with God is not easy but the more you depend and lean on Him the more at peace you will find yourself in. You were designed to worship, obey, and to depend on God.

The next move needs to come from God, but it comes through praying, reading His word, worshipping Him in the hills and valleys, and from your walk with Him. God wants to walk hand and hand with you. He has big plans for you and has laid out all the steps in order to get there. The biggest thing is to rely, to trust, and to obey Him. The more you spend time with Him you begin to recognize His voice.

Joshua not only had a strong relationship with Moses (mentor) but with the Lord as well. There will be key people in your life that will encourage and guide you through Christ like the example of Moses and Joshua. Don't look at difficult, or challenges in life as setbacks but rather as divine appointments God is preparing you for. Joshua wasn't just any person-but was **THE** person for the job. God knew he would do a great job and would be obedient but needed to be pushed in the encouragment department.

Supporting scriptures: (Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 32:8)

Trust in the Lord- don't worry-He will instruct you

Remember through Jesus-you got this!