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II. **Joshua’s Charge to Israel’s Leaders**

Joshua 23:1-13

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III. **Progress**

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

It is one thing to begin a new journey, the excitement of the unknown & anticipation of reaching the destination are powerful motivational forces. It is an entirely different endeavor to stay the course, progressing strong & steady through both times of joy & times of sorrow.

Forward motion, in both the physical & relational sense is a continuing effort. It requires an ongoing investment of time, energy & focus in order to continue. Forward motion is about progress & growth—becoming the unique, beautiful & valuable person God has called & designed you to be. God wants you to thrive through life’s journey. In a relationship with Him, you can receive the strength & stability needed for forward motion.

Are you in forward motion or are you stagnant & still? Are you progressing in spiritual maturity? Have your relationships with those you love deepened & grown over the years or are they languishing in mediocrity? Even worse, have you regressed from a time when you walked strong & ready with God back into a state of complacency or ambivalence where little thought is given to growth & maturity?

Prayerfully ask God to reveal the extent & direction of motion in your life. Take time to consider what He reveals through His Holy Spirit. Express to Him your desire to grow & mature. Affirm His ability to lead you day-by-day. Commit to trust & follow Him wherever He leads.