

Canaan Land Courage

Josh 1.1ff

Here's a 3-fold fact for you as you enter into 2025:

There will always be miracles behind you, there will always be blessings ahead of you, and there will always be a faith testing Jordan at your feet!

It seems as though crossing the Jordan is an every day event! Like it or not, you will experience certain Jordans this coming year and you must cross them or you will die.

There will be Jordans of decision, warfare, sickness, testing...

Here's the thing: You know the answer is not back in Egypt; nd not back in the wilderness

That's why the first command comes and is repeated 3x: Be and of good courage!.

The word "strong" there means to seize or fasten hold of...Don't let go! *Hold on till Victory comes*

But I want to concentrate on "courage"... to be strong, brave, bold...to strengthen, secure... TO MAKE obstinate...

Courage is not the absence of fear, *but the ability to go on in spite of it.*

Defined as "the ability to hang on for one more minute." It is the muscle of character that helps us continue in the midst of overwhelming odds.

Impudence, audacity... Courageous ones act in an audacious way!

Step out into lions dens, refuse to bow... Do things that normal people don't do!

Say things that ordinarily are not said! Behave in irrational ways!

TAKE COURAGE: WE HAVE AN INHERITANCE!

Peter gives it to us in such a wonderful way: 1 Peter 1:3-5 NKJV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

I have a permanent inheritance that *does not decay*; unsoiled; cannot be deformed or debased in any way.

It is reserved for me in heaven and will never pass away.

Take courage! Be obstinate! Be unyielding! Be narrow-minded! Fix your mind...

Press toward the prize of the upward call in Christ!

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

TAKE COURAGE: WE HAVE SUCCESS!

This word does mean profit, blessing, etc.

But more so: to advance or make progress.

TAKE COURAGE: WE HAVE HIS PRESENCE!

In Ex 33.14-15

God: “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest”

Moses: “If your presence does not go before us, then do not bring us up”

Moses would rather be a slave in Egypt with God's presence than a king in Canaan without His presence!

The most important thing you can bring into 2025 is His presence!

The manifest presence which is His life and His Word

TAKE COURAGE, cross the Jordan, enter His Canaan land!

The inheritance is yours, the success is yours, and His presence is yours!