

Sacrifice

Recap...Joshua 1:6-9

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

V. 10-11

¹⁰ So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ¹¹ "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.' "

1. Challenges often appear larger than our strengths.

Our frontiers are no longer geographic land masses, but our last frontiers are wherever one confronts a challenge bigger than we are.

When faced with difficult situations, when hope seems lost, the boldest plans are safest.

Audacity makes history

"God grant me the courage not to give up what I think is right, even though I think it is hopeless."

- [Admiral Chester W. Nimitz](#)

2. Good planning always costs less than good reacting

3. Success happens when preparation meets opportunity.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

Joshua does something interesting...

v. 12-15

¹² But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, ¹³ "Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: 'The LORD your God is giving you rest and has granted you this land.' ¹⁴ Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, fully armed, must cross over ahead of your brothers. You are to help your brothers ¹⁵ until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

What is the answer going to be?????

¹⁶ Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷ Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. ¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!"

It's one thing when the people believe in their leader; it's another thing when the leader believes in the people.

4. We will never know who we are until we give of ourselves

None are so aimless as those who choose not to venture.

None are so blind as those who choose not to see.

None are so stagnate as those who choose not to sacrifice.

Disney..."I am a part of all that I have met."

Moses provided something before he died. He prepared someone to take his place.

Three musts in your spiritual life...

A Pupil

A Peer

A Pace Setter