

Dare to Stand like Joshua

- *No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Josh. 1:5-7*
- Was Joshua special? Different from us?
- Was God with Moses and Joshua in a different way than he is with each of us?

God has dealt to each a “*measure*”

- *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one **a measure of faith**. Rom 12:3-4*
- *metron... measure 1. **an instrument for measuring**
a. a vessel determining quantity b. a graduated staff for measuring, measuring-rod (Thayer, 3358)*
- Objective: God measured out our faith to us
- Subjective: God gave us a way to measure our faith
- *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. Rom 10:17*

Peter said it in Different Words

- As each one has **received a gift**, minister it to one another, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God**. *11* If anyone **speaks**, let him speak **as the oracles of God**. If anyone **ministers**, let him do it as with **the ability which God supplies**, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

- A gift that measures out our faith:
- as oracles of God with strength God supplies.
- This is exactly what God was saying to Joshua!

Said the Same of David

- *After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, “**I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.**” Acts 13:22-23*
- *For David, after he had **served the purpose of God in his own generation**, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay; Acts 13:36-37*
- David did what God needed in His generation.
- We have the opportunity through our own gifts to do the same every day.

God's Instructions to Joshua

- *Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Josh 1:7-9*

Courage and Strength to do What?

- be strong and very courageous:
- that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded.
- Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left,
- that you may prosper wherever you go.
- The only difference between us and Joshua is the servant God sent to give the New Law:
- Joshua had Moses
- We have Jesus Christ His Son.

Three Key Points to Remember

- Our Tongue, our Heart, the Conduct of our Life
- *Book of Law shall **not depart from your mouth***
- ***If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.***
- *you shall meditate in it day and night,*
- *that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.*
- *For then you will make your way prosperous,*
- *and then you will have good success.*

Not Depart from our Mouth

● *If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.*

James 1:26-27

● If we are to serve God's purpose in our own generation we must always be thinking about God's will and purpose.

● *but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; 1 Peter 3:15-16*

Meditate Day and Night

- *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. Phil 4:8-9*
- *Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Acts 17:11-12*

Observe to Do All

- *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*
- *26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." Mt 7:24ff*

Observe to Do All

- *Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds. 2 John 9-11*