

# Dare to Stand Like Joshua

- *"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Josh. 24:14-15*

# Are We Like Joshua or Israel

- *as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 1Pet 1:14-16*
- Choose you this day whom you will serve:
- (1) The former lusts as in your ignorance.
- (2) The Holy God, Holy in all His conduct.
- Dare to Stand: be holy for I am holy.
- As for me and my house: we WILL serve the Lord

# How Did Joshua Arrive at that Stand?

- Joshua's words to Israel were spoken at the end of his life. At the beginning of the book we learn the instructions that led him to take that stand.
- *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. 1:5-6*

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- Was Joshua special? Different from us? NO!
- *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**" 6 **So we may boldly say:** "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Heb 13:5-6*

# 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*

# Instructions to Joshua: A Closer Look

- *Only be strong and very courageous,*
- *observe to do according to all the law commanded*
- *do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left,*
- *that you may prosper wherever you go.*
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- *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.*
- **Those who Dare to Stand Like Joshua do the same**

# Courage and Strength to do What?

- **observe to do according to all the law**
- Jesus expects the same:
- *15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.*
- *21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." Jn 14:21*
- *If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. Jn 15:10*
- *Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and I will be with you always.*

# Dare to Stand

- It takes great courage today to”
- Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.
- Jn. 8:31-32; 2Jn. 9; Mt 7:21-23; Mt 28:18-20
- So many have turned from these truths that it does take courage to stand!
- *But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 2 Peter 2:1-3*



# 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. Never stop talking about and as the Word*
- *you shall **meditate in it day and night**,*
- *Never stop thinking and considering God's Word*
- *that you may **observe to do according to all that is written in it.***
- *Never stop doing and observing God's Word*
- *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*