

Sunday, May 1st, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: The Final Leg - Joshua 1:1 - 9

Series: Journey of Faith ... 12

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to keep THE FAITH, PROMISES, COURAGE, and most of all COMMITMENT for the Journey of Faith.

Introduction:

he Devotional from last Sunday was entitled, "A Time of Blessing" and the text was Deuteronomy 11:10 -25

1. Our Possession
2. Some of Our Blessings
3. These Blessings are NOT Unconditional
4. God Gives a Solemn Warning

~ Illustration of 880 Yard competition in grade 8, King George Junior High

~ It is more important HOW we complete our journey than how we began. Paul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

~ I need to regularly remind myself that I am where (location) God wants me to be, on the course (plan) He has for me and doing (purpose) what he has appointed for me.

~ I believe that all that has come my way as a Follower of Christ Jesus has had and will continue to have a REDEMPTIVE purpose in my life.

Romans 8:28 – 29, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (29) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."

1. Our Obedience for the Journey:

~ Joshua 1:2, "Moses my servant is dead, Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel."

John – "arise;" break a path away from self-contentment and spiritual laziness.

~ "go over this Jordan"

Remember that there will always be obstacles.

~ Joshua 1:7, "Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go."

Do not trust your own intellect or 'short cuts.'

2. Our Promises for the Journey:

~ The basis for VICTORY in our journey is NOT our ability but the PROMISES of God.

~ 2 Peter 1:2 – 4, "May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (3) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, (4) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."

I need to believe and receive the promises of God!

~ Romans 8:31, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

~ Romans 8:37, "No, in all these things we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

~ 2 Corinthians 2:14, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."

~ 2 Corinthians 10:4 – 6, "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. (5) we destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, (6) being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete."

~ 1 John 4:4, "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

3. Our Courage for the Journey:

~ Joshua 1:6 – 9, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. (7) Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. (8) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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. (9) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

~ Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

~ Philippians 4:6 – 7, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

4. Our Commitment for the Journey:

~ Joshua 1:8, "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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."

~ Love the Word – "not depart from your mouth,"

~ Learn the Word – "you shall meditate on it day and night"

Haga (H1897) to moan, growl, utter, muse, mutter, meditate, devise, plot, speak

~ Live the Word – "be careful to do according"

~ Lay hold of the promises from the Word – "For then...and then"

Conclusion:

Hymn – Trust and Obey