

# ARISE GO OVER THIS JORDAN

## JOSHUA 1:1-9

Text: Joshua 1:2

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Introduction:

Sometimes on trips while staying in a hotel, a person will ask the person at the desk to call the room at a certain time. This is known as a "wake up call."

In America, we use the term "wake up call" to mean something that has happened to get our attention or make us alert. For instance the death of a friend or a loved one is often a "wake up call" for someone to get serious about the things of God.

In the text that we have read Joshua received a "wake up call" concerning his leadership of the children of Israel.

You see the children of Israel had been wondering in the wilderness, and God instructs Joshua, it is now time to cross over this Jordan.

I believe that we need to cross over Jordan as well. Crossing the Jordan is sometimes thought of as leaving this life to enter into eternity. That is not what crossing the Jordan means. Crossing the Jordan is simple surrendering our will to His will. So keep in mind this evening that as we look at crossing over Jordan, we are talking of becoming submissive to His will instead of ours.

Notice:

## **1. REALITY - THIS JOB I MINE (VSS 1-2)**

(Joshua 1:1-2) "Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, {2} Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel."

The job of leading the people to the promise land had now become the responsibility of Joshua.

### A. Individual job

#### 1. Given to Joshua

2. Each of us has something that we are to do.

B. Important job.

1. It was important for the people to get to where God wanted them.

2. Our job is important as well because someone is counting on us doing what we are supposed to do.

a. The lost are waiting on a soul winner.

b. Children are waiting to be taught the Word of God.

c. People are waiting to hear the Word of God.

C. Instructed job.

1. God instructed Joshua as to what to do.

2. God too will instruct us to what He will have for us to do.

a. We don't have to be in suspense.

## **2. REASSURANCE -GOD IS WITH ME (VSS 3-5)**

(Joshua 1:3-5) "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. {4} From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. {5} There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Once realizing that the job is personal, we then need to realize that the Lord is with us.

### **A. Confidence in God.**

(Hebrews 13:5) "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

#### **1. We can have confidence in God.**

### **B. Courage from God's Word.**

(Psalms 119:42) "So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word."

(Psalms 119:74) "They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word."

(Psalms 119:116) "Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope."

(Acts 4:29) "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,"

1. We can gain courage from the Word of God.

### C. Consistent in God's work.

1. We need to keep on keeping on.

Not long after Joshua had become to leader, the came to a city called Jericho, and during that victory a man named Achan sinned, and the children of Israel was defeated by a little place called Ai. Joshua felt like quitting.

(Joshua 7:10) "And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?"

But thank the Lord Joshua continued to be consistent.

2. We too need to be consistent.

3. Don't quit.

### **3. RESPONSIBILITY - DO AS GOD SAYS (VSS 6-9)**

(Joshua 1:6-9) "Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. {7} Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. {8} This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. {9} Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

- A. We need to open God's Word
- B. We need to observe God's Word.
- C. We need to obey God's Word.

Close:

The secret to success for doing God's work, is to do things God's way. The biggest responsibility I have is to obey God.

(1 Samuel 15:22) "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

We too need to cross over this Jordan. We need to surrender our will to His will. We need to realize that the job is ours. We need to realize that the job is important, and that God will instruct us to what we are to do.

We need to have confidence in Him and not ourselves. We need to get courage from God's Word and stay consistent in God's work.

We need to realize or responsibility of doing as God says. We need to open His book, observe His book, and obey His book.

Let's cross over this Jordan. And when we get over this Jordan, there will be another that we will have to cross again. Surrendering our will to His will is a daily thing; therefore we need to cross over this Jordan daily.