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KEEPING THE PROMISE

A PATH YOU HAVE NEVER WALKED

HOLY GROUND

ME AND MY HOUSE

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Joshua1:1-2

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

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God is all-purposeful

- God wants to partner with Joshua to fulfil His purposes; His promise to the children of Israel.
- This promise dates back to Abraham and then through to Moses...and will follow through to the new testament, the birth of Jesus and to where we are today all the way to the second coming of Jesus...all connected!
- It is the reconciliation of mankind to God!

Just like Joshua, God is offering us to partner with Him in fulfilling His purposes

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God is Clear and organised

- God does not speak with uncertainty, He sees the end from the beginning, so when He speaks, He is clear.
- He knows the end from the beginning and so he definitely has a plan of how to get there...it is the best plan and it is for an expected end.

God is all-powerful and Able

- He is not limited by the systems of nature, the systems of the world or any power. He is above every throne, ruler, power or authority! All things were created by Him, all things were created for Him, all things in heaven and on earth, all things visible and invisible...!!

Just like Joshua, what incredible mission has God given you?!

God sees the end from the beginning so don't wait to know the full picture, trust Him.

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Joshua 1:3-5

I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

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God has a role in the partnership

He would enable Joshua

He would not leave Him alone

His presence would be with Joshua at all times

He would give victory to Joshua all the days of his life

God is faithful; He keeps His word!

The words “as I promised Moses” and “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you;” show God’s faithfulness in the past.

Know God’s role in the mission He has given you

God suggests the importance of pausing to remember and meditate upon the truth of who He is, before stepping out into an unknown future.

Meditate on God’s past faithfulness, loyalty to His word, holiness, trustworthiness and promise keeping nature.

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Joshua 1:6-9

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

“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. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

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You have a part to play

Now God starts to tell Joshua the attitudes and character traits he must employ in order to lead well and accomplish the mission at hand.

He also gives him more promises that are activated only if he fulfils the conditions.

God puts an expectation on Joshua!!!

(condition)Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

(Promise)Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Here are some more relational conditions, do you know the promises they activate?

If we confess our sins...

If you seek me with all your heart...

If you seek first my Kingdom and my righteousness...

If you delight in the Lord, He will grant you the desires of His heart...

ask.....seek.....knock.....

What is your role in the plan God has for you?

What promises are you standing on?

For this to work, both partners have to keep their promises

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Joshua 1:10-11

So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions 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.’”

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Act upon your faith!!

All the boxes are checked.

Joshua immediately alerts the Israelites of the plan and instructs them on what to do.

They start to prepare and move towards the expected end.

Here comes the beginning of the history of the nation of Israel in their inherited Promised Land.

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Psalm 105:1-11

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

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Psalm 105:42-45

For he remembered his holy promise
given to his servant Abraham.
He brought out his people with rejoicing,
his chosen ones with shouts of joy;
he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—
that they might keep his precepts
and observe his laws.
Praise the Lord.

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Are you a child of God??

Then, just like Joshua, God wants to partner with you!
He has a mission for you to fulfil...

Are you already partnering with God?

A partnership is 2-sided. God has a part, you too have a part to play.

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Note that:

God is all-purposeful

God is all-knowing

God has a clear mission

God keeps His promises!! (God is faithful! God is reliable! What He says, He does!)

Let us:

-keep our promises to God (Don't make a promise to God if you're not going to fulfil it, think twice...fulfil Your Vow to God...Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)

-keep our promises to each other

-look more like our Heavenly Father (and less like the world).

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This week's action

- share this message with someone who would benefit from it
- focus on the mission God has given you
- Write down God's role
- Write down your role
- write down the promises of God you are standing on, with respect to the mission
- reflect on God's past faithfulness
- start to prepare and take steps to fulfil the mission

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