

THE KEYS TO VICTORY

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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. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses." *Joshua 1:1–3*

Five Keys to Victory

Adapted and expanded from *Leadership Lifter* by Rick Warren

1. Be _____ about your _____

"Your territory will extend from the desert and from Lebanon to the great river of the Euphrates, all the Hittite countries, and to the Great Sea on the west."
Joshua 1:4

2. Be _____ about your _____

"Be strong and courageous." *Joshua 1:6*

"Be strong and very courageous." *Joshua 1:7*

"Be strong and very courageous." *Joshua 1:9*

"Be strong and very courageous." *Joshua 1:18*

Three common thieves of courage

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- _____
- _____

3. Be _____ in your _____

"As I was with Moses, **so I will be with you**; I will never leave you nor forsake you." *Joshua 1:5b*

"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**." *Joshua 1:8*

"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." *Joshua 1:9*



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4. Be _____ about your _____

The Lord said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned..." *Joshua 7:10*

5. Be _____ to your _____

Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves. For tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." *Joshua 3:5*

"If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve — whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the river or the God of the Amorites in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." *Joshua 24:15*

What can tempt me to give up?

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- _____
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Daily Meditations

Monday

Read Joshua 1:1–9. What do you think are the transferable principles from this story to your own life?

Which of the five points in the message come easiest for you?

Which ones do you need God's help you improve?

Ask God specifically today to help you in the one or two points from the message where you need His strength to help you grow. Write down practical steps you can take to grow in this area.

Tuesday

Re-read Joshua 1:1–9. Are you clear about your direction?

What are some areas in your life where you need to be more specific about your goals?

Write down some specific, practical, achievable goals for those areas (for example, in your marriage, your fitness, your spiritual growth).

Now turn those into prayer requests. Be open to God's leading as he may alter your desires and direction.

Wednesday

Read Deuteronomy 31:6–8. How can confidence in God's presence be a comfort and give you courage?

Today, wherever you go, remind yourself "God is right here, right now." Observe the difference it makes in your life.

God's presence is a comfort because he is a merciful and gracious God. Read Deuteronomy 31:5–6. Ultimately, he warns of consequences to sin, God is merciful. How does that add to your confidence?

Thursday

Read Matthew 28:16–20. Here Jesus is echoing in many ways God's words to the Israelites in Joshua 1, calling us to a new mission regarding the establishment of a new Promised Land. He echoes the promises and responsibilities of Joshua 1: He will always be with us, and we are to teach people to obey what he taught. If you trust in Jesus, you are on this mission. How would remembering this daily impact you?

How does the promise of his presence give you courage to do this?

Ask God to help you remember throughout this week that you are on this mission!

Friday

Look back over your notes. Under point 5, which of the three points has tempted you lately to give up?

Is it helpful to know that, even in the Promised Land, these elements existed? Why?

Read Hebrews 13:5–6. How does avoiding love of money and staying content come from an awareness that God will never leave you or forsake you?

Just relax in prayer and thank God that He will never forsake you. Meditate on that promise. Ask God to reveal to you any unproductive behaviors in your life that stem from an unawareness of this promise.

Saturday

Finish any devotions you may have missed. Please pray that God will bless the services this weekend as we launch our new series in Proverbs. Thanks!



Memory Verse

"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." *Joshua 1:9*