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Deuteronomy 31:6 (Moses speaking to all Israel)
“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:7–8 (Moses to Joshua)
“Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, ‘Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’”

Joshua 1:9 (The LORD to Joshua)
“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.”

Be Strong and Courageous

I’ve started this newsletter and stopped multiple times. Deleted, typed, and deleted again. As I was praying and writing this morning, that still small voice whispered. Even now, I’m trying to communicate what the Lord was putting in my heart, and I’ve stopped and started multiple times. It is beyond me. I can tell you it is *good* and *encouraging*. **The Lord wants to lift up the heads of the saints in this hour.**

You see, as I was writing, I was marveling at the Lord’s great servants of old, like Moses and Joshua, Hezekiah and David, and Elijah and Daniel, to name a few. I was contrasting in my head the greatness of these men and their great failings (Except for Daniel, still can’t find a flaw in that guy), and the Lord stopped me. When He did, He spoke

something like this within my heart. “List their calls, not their flaws.” It’s a great privilege to be stopped by the Lord. I was happy to stop because I don’t even want to listen to my own thoughts regularly; I certainly have no interest in making you listen to them with me. The Lord’s thoughts, however, now *that* is something I’m interested in. There is nothing in the world like when He speaks.

Daniel was a statesman and a prophet. David was a prophet and a king. Elijah was a prophet, and a prophet of prophets at that. Moses was a national leader and deliverer. Hezekiah was a reformer and a king. Joshua was a military genius, a national leader, and a deliverer himself. Just thinking about these men makes me want to be bold and act! They are inspiring and men of whom the world is not worthy.

In Deuteronomy 31, we see Moses telling all the people basically, “Look, I’m outta here soon, but God’s got you.” Moses then turns to Joshua in front of all the people and tells him that he will finish what Moses started, reminding him that the Lord goes before him and will never forsake him. In Joshua 1, the Lord Himself speaks to Joshua and tells him those awe-inspiring words that many of us can quote, “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.” I cannot imagine how awesome it would have been to be Joshua and hear Yahweh speak those words to him. I also cannot imagine being Joshua, turning around to see all the children

of Israel looking to him now, and thinking about those walls of Jericho he knew he'd be seeing soon.

Joshua is a fascinating character. The most unique thing about him in contrast to everyone around him is that he simply believed God. It sounds so simple: ten spies dumb; two spies good. And yet, not everyone believed. Same God, same Moses leading them, same miracles they all saw on multiple occasions. Sure, Joshua had a front row seat when the mountain shook with the voice of God, but all Israel witnessed it. What made him so different than most? I don't have all the answers, but I can pretty confidently say a couple of things about Joshua: he believed God, and he walked humbly before Him. It takes a humble man to seek God like he did all those years serving Moses. It takes a humble man to believe God when men are calling you stupid, which they did many times. The more I read about Joshua, the more I almost can't believe how awesome he was. And he was *just a man who believed in God*.

Because Joshua believed, he led the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

What did God say about Joshua?

What has He said about you?

What are you saying about others?

I encourage you to do two things today. Review what God has said about **you**. Most of it is in Scripture. A much smaller part, He may have spoken it to your heart. Say it out loud, write it down. *Believe it*. Secondly, review **what you are saying about other followers of Christ** (in your head or out of your mouth). *Do these two things, how God has spoken about you, and what you say or think about others, sound equally encouraging?*

Joshua, Moses, and all our heroes of the Faith couldn't do anything. God did everything through them **because they believed**. I encourage you today not to fall into the trap of the flesh and the enemy of focusing on your own flaws (reminder: sin is NOT simply a flaw. It is rebellion and death. If you are in sin, repent, confess, and get back on the narrow way). I'm speaking of our everyday weaknesses and our track record, which we all remember in great detail. God knows you've sometimes failed; others do, too. *What is God saying today?* Focus on what God sees, and what He is saying. And then afford the same grace and mindset to your fellow saints.

Lastly, the "calls" aren't simply something that shows us someone is chosen. The calls are a call to act. Whatever God calls you, are you acting like it? With yourself and your brothers and sisters in Christ today, **focus on the calls and not the flaws**. Encourage one another while it is still day. Bear up under one another's burdens. Time is short, friends. We've got work to do. May God grant each of us the grace to love our brothers like Christ has loved us. May we help one another be strong and courageous until the end.

In Christ,

Aaron Simms

A Couple Notes from the Executive Director

- The Lord has led for a Waiting on God! April 17-19, in Parker City. Special hotel rates have been arranged at The Randolph Inn and Suites in Winchester. Mention Found Ministries when you call (765) 584-8281 to make your reservation. More information can be found by visiting our website.
- Fellowship Youth Camp is July 12-18 at a NEW LOCATION! We will be gathering at the birthplace of the Wesleyan denomination in Fairmount, IN at the Fairmount Wesleyan Campground. The Holy Spirit has already been speaking about this year's theme and whispering of great things! If you would like to register a camper or get more information, please email fyc@foundministry.org.
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