

## “Divine Encouragement”

### Joshua 1:1-11

#### INTRODUCTION: God Desires To Encourage His Children

- ◇ The Holy Spirit will remain with every believer right to the end. This thought has encouraged me a thousand times in these dark days when satanic forces are at work.  
-Billy Graham
- ◇ The church should be a place that stirs people up. People need to be encouraged in their Christian walk. Sometimes, you may be the one who needs the encouragement, but when you are not the person, you should be the cheerleader who encourages others on.  
-Tony Evans
- ◇ Encouragement is not a technique to be mastered; it is a sensitivity to people and a confidence in God that must be nourished and demonstrated.  
-Larry Crabb
- ◇ But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go across at the head of this people, and he shall give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.  
(Deuteronomy 3:28—NASB)
- ◇ If I had my life to live over, I would spend more time encouraging others.  
-F.B. Meyer

#### Consider God’s Encouragement To Joshua and To Us Today:

1. Consider God’s encouragement \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv.1-2)
  - Note the 3 things Joshua needed to let go of...
    - √ Joshua needed to stop \_\_\_\_\_.
    - √ Joshua needed to stop focusing on all the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - √ Joshua need to stop focusing on all of his \_\_\_\_\_.
    - √ Application for today: Today I will let go of: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Consider God’s encouragement to \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv.3-8)

- Note the 3 promises Joshua needed to cling to:
    - √ Joshua needed to remember that God had a \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv.2-3)
    - √ Joshua needed to remember the promise of God’s power and presence in his life. (v.5)
    - √ Joshua needed to remember that God had promised to bless his life and work. (vv.7-8)
3. Consider God’s encouragement to remember the conditions for true success (vv.8-11)
    - Note the 3 conditions linked to God’s promises:
      - √ Joshua needed to \_\_\_\_\_ . (v.8)
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      - √ Joshua needed to \_\_\_\_\_ . (v.6,9)

#### CONCLUSION: God Encouraged Joshua With The Reminder Of His Presence

- ◇ Take a situation in your life right now and apply this teaching to it.
  - √ Meditate on God’s Word. What does the Lord tell you about your situation?
  - √ Second, read an appropriate passage of Scripture that speaks to your situation. What does the Bible reveal about your situation?
  - √ Third, follow the direction the Lord gives you for your situation. What is He telling you to do?
  - √ Fourth, accept His guidance. Say a prayer of thanks for His loving encouragement and compassion.
  - √ Look up Joshua 1:5,9 and Hebrews 13:5-6 for Encouragement this week. Remember: with Jesus with us we can go anywhere and into the days of 2021 where everyday presents challenges and opportunities for us to claim God’s promises.