

Starting 2009 Well
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After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua...Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses My servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people..." *Joshua chapter 1 verses 1 & 2 (168)*

- Change is a constant & inevitable part of life
- God never promised us that things wouldn't change
- Even when we suffer loss, God encourages us & invites us to move forward with Him
- To God, change always presents an opportunity for us to step-out & trust Him more...even though we may feel very uncomfortable
- And with God, change often presents opportunities for us to lead. What area is God asking you to lead well in 2009?

God said, "I promise you what I promised Moses, 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you....'" *Joshua chapter 1 verse 3 (168)*

- **I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.**
Philippians chapter 4 verse 13 (901)
- **God has NOT given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.** *2 Timothy chapter 1 verse 7 (914)*
- **I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.**
Romans chapter 8 verse 38 (863)
- **I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses....**
For when I am weak, then I am strong.
2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 9 & 10 (888)
- **I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**
Philippians chapter 1 verse 6 (899)

No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

Joshua chapter 1 verse 5 (168)

- **Jesus said, "Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**
Matthew chapter 28 verse 20 (760)
- What area of life do you need to remind yourself that God "will not fail you or abandon you" in 2009?
- How different would that area of life be in 2009 as compared to 2008 if you really lived this truth out?

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Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Joshua chapter 1 verse 6 (168)

- strong = to seize the opportunity!
- courageous = to be alert
- Seize the opportunity & be alert because YOU are the one who will _____ in 2009
- ***Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful.***

1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verses 23 & 24 (907)

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Joshua chapter 1 verse 7 (168)

- Sometimes courage isn't enough...so God calls us to be "very courageous" (very alert!)
- What is God asking you to be "very alert" about in 2009?
- What part of God's instructions to you are you intentionally disregarding? Maybe this is why God is not allowing you to succeed in _____?

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Joshua chapter 1 verse 8 (168)

- study this book = make it a part of your life, ingest it
- prosper = to move forward, advance
- What area of your life would you like to "move forward in, advance in" in 2009?
- How familiar are you with what the Bible says about that issue?
- How obedient are you to what the Bible says about that issue?
- In 2009, how much time will you spend reading / studying the Bible on a daily basis, truly making it a part of your life?

More:

- Take the time to work through the questions under each of the verses on this sheet
- What area is God asking you to step out in & lead well in 2009?
- Which of God's promises to you do you really need to live out in 2009? Why not memorize that verse and make it a part of you this year?
- When you decide on which of God's promises to you that you need to focus on in 2009, why not share it with a friend so they can pray for you & encourage you?
- What area is God asking you to be "strong & courageous?" What will you begin doing differently in this area?
- What part of God's instructions to you do you need to start being obedient in this year?
- How will you make the Bible a part of your life in 2009? Why not put a plan in place to help you read it & study it on a regular basis in 2009?