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The Way of Joshua

By Brother Huero

As men and women of God we are often faced with great challenges. Such challenges may be personal, corporate, or familial. Regardless of the nature of these challenges in life, as men and women of God, the way we handle, or react to such, has greater bearing than simply the realm of our own individual lives. Joshua the son of Nun, was not yet 20 years old when the Israelites made their Exodus out of Egypt. It was only 2 years later when Moses sent out 12 spies to give a report on the promised Land. Of the 12, ten returned fearful with negative with doubtful reports, "There are giants in the land we will be destroyed and defeated" the 10 said. It was Joshua and his companion Caleb who returned saying, "it is a land rich with milk and honey, with grapes the size of a man's fist. We are well able to take the land." Thirty-nine years later after the death of Moses, Joshua led the Israelites over the Jordan River and into the promised Land, a task Moses himself could not fulfill. Still a relatively young man of 60 years old, in consideration of the fact that Moses lived to be 120 years old, and Joshua himself lived to be 110 years old. How is it then that this young man was able to fulfill such a great and noble task? There are lessons to be learned through the life of Joshua. I would like to look more closely at 'The Way of Joshua'.

Let's read together, *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*. Ready? *"Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. Then the Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your descendants. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended. Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel."*

Why Joshua? *Exodus Chapter 24* records Moses' journey up Mount Sinai. Aaron and Hur remained but Moses took Joshua at least part way up the mountain. I can imagine that conversation went something like this; "Aaron and Hur, you guys stay right here." Then Moses said, turning to the people; "If you have any problems get with Aaron and Hur, Joshua get your stuff you're coming with me." And no doubt in my mind Joshua obeyed without asking questions. Therein lies the first key, obedience. Remember that word obedience! Let's look at some more Scripture.

Now let's look at *Exodus 33:7-11*. *"Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the Lord went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle."*

Joshua's relationship with headship was correct and proper. Your relationship with your pastor and the leaders that God has placed in your life is vital to your growth. The Bible teaches us that promotion comes from the Lord. So, to have reverence, to respect, and submit to headship is to honor the Lord. The Scripture says, in *Luke 16:10*, *"He who is faithful in that which is little will be made ruler over that which is great."* Most great men of God started by cleaning the bathrooms and setting up the chairs in the church. Many of them still do these things regardless of their position. So, your relationship to headship and even how you handle rebuke has great bearing on the depth of which the Lord is able to use you and is a vital element in you remaining humble and teachable.

Joshua succeeds Moses. Joshua obviously spent a lot of time with Moses. And it appears as if he was closer to Moses than anyone else. They left him behind in the tent of meeting after Moses himself returned to the camp, that alone says a great deal about their relationship. You can't just give everybody or anybody the key to the church. It may seem you are just cleaning carpets or trimming the shrubs at the church. You might think it's a simple Saturday afternoon barbecue or church picnic. I'd venture to say, the time most men spend with their pastor they are being groomed and disciplined for the ministry.

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The Lord's first instructions to Joshua. So, Moses has passed away, and Joshua has now been tasked with the greatest challenge of his life. He has been charged with the task of carrying the Israelites, after 40 years in the wilderness, over the Jordan River and into the promised Land. A task Moses himself could not achieve. The **Book of Joshua** documents the life and ministry of Joshua, the son of Nun. Let's begin in **Chapter 1** and look closely at the first instructions that the Lord gives Joshua.

Let's look at **Joshua 1:1-9**, "**After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 'Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'**"

Stay in your Word! If you are going to church and counting on your pastor to spoon feed you on Sundays and Wednesdays a little bit of Word, and that's all the Bible reading you get all week; brothers and sisters you're weaker than circus lemonade, you don't have anything to offer anybody because you haven't seen anything from the Word to give. **Joshua 1:8**, the Lord said, "... meditate on My Word day and night and do not let it depart from your lips." Without riddles, without ambiguity, it's very clear we have to be in our Word studying and listening!

SEEK-HEAR-OBEY Obey! We have three primary duties as men and women of God. Seek God, hear God, and obey God! Outside of that all our religious intentions are nothing but cha cha! Seek, hear, and obey, are the simple recipes for success in your Christian walk.

Be Brave. Show a little bit of courage! Four times in the first chapter of Joshua the Lord said, "Joshua don't be scared! I got you son!" If anybody had a reason to be scared Joshua had a lot on his plate. But He told him I'm going to be with you just like I was with Moses, He said every place where you place the soul of your foot, I have given you for your inheritance. One man said this courage is not the absence of fear but the conquering of fear! If we put our faith in the lion of the tribe of Judah we do not have to rely on our own abilities or fear because of our limitations. The Scripture says, in **Proverbs 28:1**, "**The wicked flees when no man pursues him but the righteous is bold as a lion.**" What did Joshua have to be afraid of? Well after he crossed over the Jordan River there were still 31 Kings, their cities, and their territories that he must drive out and conquer in the land. Then thereafter he was tasked with dividing the land according to the tribes and the families of the tribes. Joshua had a lot on his plate, but the Lord promised Joshua just as he has promised you and I that "I will never leave you or forsake you and I will go with you wherever you go." (**Hebrews 13:5**)

The spirit Of the Age We Live In. Together, let's read **2 Timothy 3:1-5**, "**But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!**" That being said, sometimes in life you have to cut off a toe to save the foot! Enough said!

If you recall at the beginning of this article, I said this word and I said remember this word. That word was obedience! We are living in a time where the spirit of this age is to do just enough just to get by. Just enough to keep your wife from leaving you. Just enough to keep from getting fired from your job. The minimal amount of effort required in everything. This is not the nature of our God! This is not the way we are called to live as men and women of God! We are called to live and to strive in a spirit of excellence! And I'm here to tell you it's late in the game; brothers and sisters, it's time for the people of God to take up arms and get busy! I'm going to throw in a little bit of Scripture for free right here and then we'll get back to Joshua.

This was originally taken from a three-point sermon I did in my home Church in Victorville California entitled **The Way of Joshua**. In consideration of such it is my hope that we would parallel the challenges of Joshua's life with our own lives here and now in the day and age we're living in. Check this out!

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THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US - WHATEVER WE ASK - WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED OF HIM. 1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NIV)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Request: Could all of the **Overcomers for Christ** family, please pray for my ace Deuce's grandson Dillian. He just suffered an overdose and ended up in ICU. Pray that the Lord opens his eyes to the fact he's not only hurting himself but also all those who love him, and that the Good Lord relieve him of all that feeds his addiction ... **Foot**

Hello brother, greetings from Lumley, thank you so much for adding yourself to my contact list! I have also recently been in contact with my youngest daughter Vashty. She's twenty and lives in Texas with her boyfriend. They are managing, but still using drugs so keep them in the prayers and hopefully they will be able to keep their first apartment. She's been in and out of jail as well as her boyfriend. Please join me in prayer for their protection, OK? I will be praying for **Overcomers for Christ** all across the United States as well, hurry Father!!!! Have a blessed day fishers of men, your sister in Christ ... **L.R.**

Hey Duck, short email here today. My hands are numb and waiting to have surgery for carpal tunnel. I went to Phoenix a couple of days ago for a consultation and Doctor says it's sever. I better have surgery, or I'll have permanent damage. So, if you would put this prayer request in the newsletter for ALL of the prayer warriors to lift me up, I'd appreciate it. ... **J.T.**

Glory be to Jesus the Christ! I have been thinking and praying for you all ... **M.H.**

I got your card and just wanted to thank you for all your prayers, my heart goes out to all who suffer during these testing times, of the disastrous world affairs ... **S.M.**

All of you will forever be loved and in my prayers ... **H.A.M.**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAISE GOD!!! :) I Thank God for my **Overcomers for Christ** family!! I've been working really diligently my whole time here on this yard. I have had no disciplinary at all since I've been in prison. And I've taken a lot of extracurricular classes to better help with my release. My Post Conviction Relief Motion has been in for several months now. This process is a season God is guiding me through by His Holy Spirit that lives within me. "I'm an ambassador for Christ Jesus, I am free to serve Him wherever I stand. **PRAISE GOD!!!**" Father will be in front of me, I'll be holding up my shield of faith, and wearing my new armor. I Praise God for His instruction and His limitless LOVE. Please pray with me, and thank God in advance, with me, for the early release the motion for Post Conviction Relief will give me to go onward in serving Him.

Thank You to ALL the brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Bye for now, Your Brother and Friend Forever ... **J.S.**

Hello to my beloved Brother! Your name 'Harold' had me stumped Wade :) Thank you for thinking of me when you realized Father could be up to something new in your ministry. He was and is always seeking to grow us in positive ways that are usually beneficial to all the others we know. I love hearing from you and the **OC&C** family in any form. Your email was Father's way of easing my soul and revealing to me that I am not alone here and that there are other Ambassadors of

Christ within 'earshot' that are usually needing the same soul easing I may be needing. I reckon we're to 'gather' two - together by any means necessary. "Poppa sure has some cool ways of answering my prayers Brother." I'm sure I'm not ever alone without human friendship? And Father's company is ALL I need, yet He does give us what we want in so many ways. I hope you get what I'm saying brother. I'm sure you do. Please give my hugs and **PRAISE GOD!!!!** to Michelle and everyone else in our family. I love you all! I've recently completed my fifth Andrew Wommack inmate Bible study by mail Charis Bible College course. I'm starting on the sixth one and eager to learn more. The Word of God is the authority in my life brother, and it will never be any other way again! I 'was' blind, but now, "thank You Jesus, Holy Spirit, and Father, I can see!!" **PRAISE GOD Y'ALL!! I CAN SEE!!** :) :) By for now. ... **J.S.**

Update: Monday I went to one of the heart doctors and I was taken off of the blood thinner and I was taken off of any restrictions, so I've gone back to not only walking and sit-ups, and also upper body program like pushups, biceps, etc. And just today I added a stretch of jogging, 1/3 of every lap I walk. Tuesday, I seen the doctor here and in reading my lab work she told me that there is no scarring on my liver from the hep C that my body got rid of it without treatment. Thank You Jesus! And she said that my cholesterol levels are that of a teenager. Thank You Jesus!! Both of these things she shared with me are NOTHING short of miraculous! ... **Foot**



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From the Inside

Use Your Time Wisely

By M.H.

I'm still fired up and flying high and hope you all are as well! You are absolutely correct there are still soldiers being raised up in the army of the Lord. I look forward to the revival you are talking about. I think about it often, I also think about what it will be like when I'm physically free to complete the next mission that Christ has for me.

Just want to let you know that your work is not in vain, it has been just the opposite. There are many people who are being blessed, encouraged, uplifted, and enlightened. There are many people that are being affected that you will never know about until you get to heaven! Your accounts are being credited, so continue to store up your treasures in heaven!

What if you had a bank account and there was a credit of \$86,400 and at the end of the day whatever is not used would be taken from your account. You would use every cent, right? Each day you are credited with 86,000 seconds of time and it deletes after the day is over! If satan knows his time is short, we must realize that our time is short too. Walk in wisdom towards them that are without redeeming the time. **Colossians 4:5** – *“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.”*

Here are some facts ... There are 31.4% of the world population that profess to be Christians. Based on 8 billion people that is 2,480,000,000 professing Christians in the world today. That would mean that 5,520,000,000 billion people potentially going to hell, if they died or if Jesus Christ were to come back today! One hundred and eight people die globally every minute or every 2.5 seconds.

Life expectancy worldwide for males is 66 years and females it is 70.8 years. In the U.S. it is a bit higher, males is 77.32 years and females is 81.97 years, now subtract your age from these averages. But we know that life is not promised to any of us. When they put us in a casket will people be able to say we made an impact, lived in the perfect will of God for our lives and ultimately left a lasting legacy. The fact that we are all still breathing confirms the fact that we all still have work, our mission and destiny to complete. Don't count yourself out! Every person's destiny is as unique to them as their fingerprints and DNA. Nobody can claim your assigned seat that is attached to your destiny!

Let's always remember that the devil doesn't play devil. He IS the devil! So, we as born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ cannot play church! We are the church – the body of Christ. We must be spiritual snipers and soldiers of Jesus Christ destroying the works of darkness and setting captives free. The devil understands the battlefield of the mind, if he can capture your mind and weaken it, he can then capture your heart, will and emotions. If he weakens your mind, he knows you will not have the mind of Christ. **Philippians 2:5** – *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”*

“Lest satan should take advantage of us. For we are not ignorant of his devices.” - 2 Corinthians 2:11

The greatest weapon we have against satan, as Jesus Himself told us, is that we sit in heavenly places with Him. **Ephesians 2:6** - *“And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”*

We have the ultimate fire dwelling inside of us, His Holy Spirit, wherein lies All the POWER *“For as many as are led by the Holy Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” – Romans 8:14*

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the POWER to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. **John 1:12** – *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”*

That's why I'm fired up and flying high.

Stay encouraged to fight the good fight, finish the race set before us and keep the faith! Our ultimate reward is **2 Timothy 4:7-8** – *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give ME on that day, and not only me, but also to all who have loved his appearing!”*

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord makes His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. (**Numbers 6:24-26**)

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From the Inside

Thunder
By H.A.M.

To my beloved brothers and sisters at O.C., the following message entitles "Thunder" I'd like to share. Warning, it is a toe smasher. When we seek, praise, and yield to its light - *Philippians 2:5-7* - "**Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**"

The strength of Christ's church lies in its piety - *Luke 14:13-14* - "**But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.**" It's not by positive, conspicuous evil that satan perverts Gods people, but by quiet displacement thought bombs that can result in unnoticed substitutions. Only those who are of God, honor the Holy Spirit and prosper at the expense of their human egos.

Consider the utter isolation of soul and Spirit, that blackness of homelessness that came over our Savior because of our sin - *Matthew 27:46* - "**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'**" Furthermore, there is such a thing as knowing Him as Savior, but not being acquainted. *James 2:19-20* - "**You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?'**"

There's also such a thing as possessing Him, but not being possessed by Him, that's the reason for Paul's prayer in *Ephesians 3:17-19*, "**That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**" A worldly church may seem rich and strong because it's esteemed by the world, but its salt savor is lacking. Spiritual objects are overly sought thus, the mystery of the Cross is obscured.

We are warned about indifference throughout the Bible such as in *Romans 12:9-13* and especially in *Proverbs 21:13*, "**Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor. Will also cry himself and not be heard.**" The greedy view of living is quoted as "we want to get all we can and can get all we get" all of us prisoners know that when we flirted with the world, we believed that we were the one person who could handle the charms of it.

Hindsight is said to be 20/20. We shall all acknowledge that the ruler of darkness has always been a cunning deceiver - *Genesis 3:1* - "**Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?''**" Pray that we become more godly, talk more of godliness and love His ways more.

Psalms 34:18 says the Lord is near to those who have a broken heart and saves such that have a contrite spirit. There are those who say they believe and unite with the church. They accept with their minds the Christian faith. They are sometimes even baptized but have never been born again they are not Israelites per say, but interested Egyptians, in other words ... Baptized heathen - *Numbers 11:4-6* - "**Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: 'Who will give us meat to eat? We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!'**" They are not satisfied with manna being Christ the Word (sheep training 101) - *Deuteronomy 8:2-3* - "**And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.**"

In closing, sometimes there's an appearance of devotion, spirituality, and fervor, but without the ministry of love, which are the works of mercy. Remember the old paradox Jesus gave us by word and through example "**It is more blessed to give than it is to receive**" - *Acts 20:35*.

Foot's Bible Study

Ezekiel 37:1-39:29

The dry bones represented the people's spirituality dead condition. Your church may seem like a heap of dry bones to you, spiritually dead with no hope of vitality. But just as God promised to restore His nation, He can restore any church, no matter how dead or dry it may be. (37:4-5)

Rather than give up, pray for renewal, for God can restore it to life. The hope and prayer of every church should be that God put His Spirit into it. (37:14) In fact, God is at work calling His people back to Himself, bringing new life into dead churches.

God will directly intervene in the defense of Israel, unleashing natural disasters on the invaders from the north, in the end, the stricken pagan nations will turn on themselves in confusion and panic. All those who set themselves against God will be destroyed. (38:21)

With God on our side, we are assured of ultimate victory over His foes because God will fight on our behalf. (39:12-16)
Romans 8:38-39 – *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Also check out, **Zephaniah 3:14-17**.

James 2:1-26

We are often partial to the rich because we mistakenly assume that riches are a sign of God's blessing and approval. But God does not promise us earthly rewards or riches: in fact, Christ calls us to be ready to suffer for Him and give up everything in order to hold on to eternal life. (2:2-4)

Matthew 6:19-21 – *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Also, check out ... **Matthew 19:26-30, Luke 12:14-34, Romans 8:15-21, and 1 Timothy 6:17-19**.

We will have untold riches in eternity if we are faithful in our present life. **Luke 6:35** – *"But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil."* Also check out ... **John 12:23-25, Galatians 6:7-10, and Titus 3:4-8**.

Psalms 117:1-2

Have you ever said, "I can't think of anything God has done for me. How can I praise Him?" This Psalm gives two reasons for praising God: His unending love toward us and His faithfulness that endures forever. If He did nothing else for us, He would still be worthy of our highest praise. (117:1-2)

Proverbs 28:1-11

Rich people often think they are wonderful depending on no one, they take credit for all they do. But that's a hollow self-esteem. Through dependence on God in their struggles, the poor may develop a richness of spirit that no amount of wealth can provide. The rich man can lose all his material wealth, while no one can take away the poor man's character. Don't be jealous of the rich money, that may be all they will ever have. (28:11)

"Foot" Notes

Hey family, I was standing in line for chow this morning when the Lord dropped this pearl on my nugget. We've all heard throughout our lives the phrase "lead by example" which in itself is good advice. Yet not everybody is meant to be a leader, it's just not in their character.

That being said ... we can ALL "Live By Example". As you live your life walking with the Lord others see you without you even being aware you're being observed, and they can see the light within you. They then can become curious as to the reason for your "path of least resistance" lifestyle. This alone can open doors for conversation as to the reasoning for your peaceful, joyous demeanor allowing for you to explain how your Influencer is none other than God Himself.

Love to y'all short and tall ... Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!

The Night Is Far Spent. Now let's look at *Romans 13:11-14*, "**And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.**" It's too late in the game to be playing or half-stepping. You have to get all the way in or you might as well be all the way out because you aren't in it at all if you aren't all in.

Let's recap here and bring this full circle, **The Way of Joshua**

Upon Moses' passing in 1273 B.C., Joshua succeeded his master as the leader of the people of Israel. Under his leadership, they crossed the Jordan River on Nissan 10 of that year. For seven years, Joshua led the people in battle, defeating 31 kings and conquering their cities and territories, which comprised the bulk of the land west of the Jordan (Moses had conquered the lands on its eastern bank before his passing). For seven years after that, Joshua oversaw the process of dividing the land amongst the 12 tribes of Israel and allocating a portion to each family. He passed away on the 26th of Nissan, 2516 (1245 BCE), at the age of 110 years.

However, before his passing Joshua called the people on the carpet and made them swear and vow a covenant before the Lord.

Joshua Makes a Covenant with The People. Here it is, in *Joshua 24:15-30*, "**And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. So the people answered and said: 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.'** But Joshua said to the people, **'You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good.'** And the people said to Joshua, **'No, but we will serve the Lord!'** So Joshua said to the people, **'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord for yourselves, to serve Him.'** And they said, **'We are witnesses!'** **'Now therefore,'** he said, **'put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel.'** And the people said to Joshua, **'The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!'** So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said to all the people, **'Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God.'** So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance. Now it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old. And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Serah, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash."

You might ask yourself, 'how can a simple man or woman such as myself ever complete such a great task for God?' Let me say this first, Billy Graham was a great evangelist, Greg Laurie is the greatest evangelist of our generation. At this point, I don't imagine I will ever be a great evangelist, but if I can reach just one mother's son from the world that boy is just another kid, but to that one mother that son of hers is the world! So, I may never be a great evangelist, but maybe you will, I hope to God so. Again, even if I'm not a great evangelist, but I can reach one mother's son, I am evangelizing greatly! That's what I'm talking about! Let me say it again! It's too late in the game to be playing or half-stepping. You got to get all the way in, or you might as well be all the way out because you aren't in it at all if you aren't all in!

How am I ever going to stay on track? The keys that are found in the life of Joshua, number one, stay in your Word. Number two, be obedient to that Word. And number three, don't be scared, God's got you! Let me give you a little story to help you stay on track.

The story is told of a young farm boy, a star athlete who was being scouted by several colleges for full ride athletic scholarships. His future was cinched and locked in for sure. One day on the farm he lost his left arm in a piece of machinery. Devastated as he was, considering his career aspirations were lost forever, depression tried to come upon him. After confiding, with a good friend and high school coach, the coach suggested that he take up handball to stay active. So, the boy went on to play handball and win the state championship in his region. Such an incredibly event that a one-handed boy

would win a state championship, it made news and reporters came and interviewed him. "How did you do it with only one hand", the reporter asked? "It was easy", said the boy. "You see, with every bounce of the ball my two-handed opponents had options and choices. I had no choice, I knew that I would always choose right with every bounce of the ball regardless."

It's this easy! When you rule out plan b in your life, when you close doors behind you that will hinder or detour you or get you off track and rule out every undesirable option or anything, person, place, habit, so on and so forth that would exalt itself against the knowledge of Christ in your life, I'd venture to say, you got this homie! Gods got you! Love in Christ Brother Huero Art Lovato!!!

Those Who Wait Upon the Lord . . .

By Steve Arterburn

***"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* - Isaiah 40:31**

Chinese bamboo is a remarkable plant. Once a bamboo seed is planted it requires daily watering and care. But for five full years, the exterior shoot will grow less than an inch.

At the end of five years, however, the bamboo will perform an incredible feat. It will grow ninety feet in only ninety days! Now ask yourself this: When did the tree actually grow? Throughout the first five years, or during those last ninety days?

You may be like Chinese bamboo. You may be working, dreaming, planning, and persevering, yet feeling as if God's taking forever to flower your dream into any visible result.

Be patient. The most important growth is underground—hidden deep in your character. Those who wait upon the Lord won't be put to shame; and in due time, God will reveal everything He's grown in you.

FUN FACTS

October 5th – In 1877, Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce tribe surrendered to U.S. Cavalry troops after a 1,700-mile retreat.

October 5th – In 1947, U.S. President Harry Truman delivered the first address to be televised from the White House.

October 5th – In 1970, the Public Broadcasting Service was founded.

October 5th – In 2005, the U.S. Senate voted 90-9 to prohibit the use of "cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment" on detainees.

October 18th – In 1851, the now classic novel, Moby Dick, was first published as a three-volume edition titled The Whale. Herman Melville total earnings from the 3,715 copies that sold during his lifetime was \$556.37.

Christian Comedy

My husband kept nagging me about pretending to be a flamingo, so I had to put my foot down.

Quote Worthy

"If you are not already dead, forgive. Rancor is heavy, it is worldly; leave it on earth: Die light."

– Jean-Paul Sartre (1905 – 1980) a French philosopher, playwright, novelist, screenwriter, political activist, biographer, and literary critic, considered a leading figure in 20th-century French philosophy.

INNER LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 4:6 NIV

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In pumpkin shades outlined in gold,
Illuminating eerie forms,
Unnatural as a candied corn.

Beware what dare crawls up your sleeve,
For 'tis the night called Hallows Eve."

By Richelle E. Goodrich – an American author, novelist, and poet

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