

MOSES' CHARGE TO JOSHUA

DEUTERONOMY 31:7-8

DEUTERONOMY 31:7 (NASB)

Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give to them as an inheritance.”

DEUTERONOMY 31:8 (NASB)

“And the LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

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THE FIRST ELEMENT: ENCOURAGEMENT

**“Be strong and courageous”
(Deut. 31: 7a)**

See Deuteronomy 3:28; Joshua 1:6

Deuteronomy 3:28 (NKJV)

“But command Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.”

Joshua 1:6 (NKJV)

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.

“STRONG AND COURAGEOUS”

THE INWARD COURAGE OF FAITH

OUTWARD COURAGE OF DEED

THE SOURCE OF JOSHUA'S STRENGTH IS TRUST IN THE LORD

Exodus 15:2 (NKJV)

The LORD is my **strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
He is my God, and I will praise Him;
My father's God, and I will exalt
Him.**

2 Samuel 22:1-4 (NKJV)

“¹ Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. ² And he said: ² ‘The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; ³ The God of my **strength**, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. ⁴ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: So shall I be saved from my enemies.’”

Nehemiah 8:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep.” For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your **strength**.”

Psalm 18:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer; My God, **my strength**,
in whom I will trust; My shield and the
horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Proverbs 3:5-8 (NKJV)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths. ⁷ Do not
be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD
and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to
your flesh, and **strength** to your bones.

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in the power of His might.

2 Timothy 2:1

You therefore, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

LIFE TRUTH

**WHEN GOD CALLS A PERSON
TO A SPECIFIC TASK, ONLY
THAT PERSON CAN FULFILL IT.**

LIFE TRUTH:

**SUCCESS IN ALL THAT WE
UNDERTAKE FOR THE LORD
DEPENDS ON THE ASSURANCE
OF FAITH IN THE LORD.**

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THE SECOND ELEMENT: THE TASK

“for you shall go with this people into **the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them.” (Deut. 31:7b NASB)**

See Genesis 12:1; 15:18; Josh. 21:43

See Genesis 12:1 (NKJV)

**Now the LORD had said to Abram:
“Get out of your country, from
your family and from your father’s
house, to **a land** that I will show
you.”**

Genesis 15:18-21

¹⁸ On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given **this land**, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— ¹⁹ the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Josh. 21:43

So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it.

LIFE TRUTH

When God calls us to a task, He always gives us a description of that task.

**Examples: Moses (Exod. 3:10),
Jeremiah (1:10), Paul (Acts 9:15-16)**

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THE THIRD ELEMENT: DIVINE SUPPORT

“And the LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed” (Deut. 31:8 NASB)

See Exod. 13:21; 33:14; Hebrews 13:5

Exod. 13:21-22 (NKJV)

21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. 22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

Exodus 33:14

¹² Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.” ¹³ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.” ¹⁴ And He said, “My Presence **will go with you, and I will give you rest.**”

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

LIFE TRUTH

**WHEN GOD CALLS US TO A TASK,
HE ALWAYS ASSURES US OF HIS
SUPPORT.**

See Josh. 1:5, 9; Matthew 28:19

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.