



Moving Forward by
FACING THE UNKNOWN

“To boldly go where no man has gone before...”

Captain James Kirk, Starship Enterprise

INTRODUCTION

Philippians 3:13 - *“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining **forward** to what lies ahead...”*

If you are going to boldly go in the future, you must have
SUPERNATURAL SPIRITUAL COURAGE!

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,”

Joshua 1:1-9

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, **2** “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. **3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. **5** No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. **6** Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. **8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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. **9** 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.”

HOW CAN WE GO FORWARD BOLDLY WITH COURAGE

1. WE HAVE GOD'S PROMISES

(Joshua 1:3-4)

- A. God Promised that the Israelites:
Would Enter the Promised Land.
- B. God Promised that Israel would be:
Victorious Over Their Enemies
(Josh. 1:5; Romans 6:7; 8:31)
- C. God Promised that Israel Would Divide the Land
as an **Inheritance**
(Josh. 1:6; Gen. 12:6-7; 1 Peter 1:4; Josh. 23:14)

2. WE HAVE GOD'S WORD (Josh. 1:7)

- A. Joshua Was To Walk a **Straight Line**
(Matt. 7:13-14)
- B. Joshua Was to Speak the **Truth** (Joshua 1:8)
- C. Joshua Was to Think **Biblical Thoughts**
(Josh 1:8)

3. WE HAVE GOD'S PRESENCE

(Joshua 1:9, Isa. 41:10)

Moving Forward Into the Unknown We Must:

1 **Thessalonians 5:1-5** **1** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **4** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. **5** For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1. STAY AWAKE

6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
(1 Peter 5:8), Eph. 5:15-16)

2. STAY ALERT

(NLT) **6** So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. **Stay alert** and be clearheaded.

3. STAY SERIOUS

2 For you yourselves are **fully aware** that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

4. STAY HOPEFUL

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

5. STAY TOGETHER

11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.