

Be Strong and Courageous (through Transitions)

Transitions can be powerful opportunities for us to experience God in meaningful new ways. Moses took care of the Israelites for 40 long years but now it was finally time for the new generation to go in to the land promised to their ancestors and realize the provision and power of God.

After the death of Moses ...the LORD said to Joshua... "Moses my servant is dead. Now ... get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them ...As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you ... Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law ...meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it ... Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

– Joshua 1:1-9

1. **A** _____ & **F** _____ - "Moses my servant is dead."

Bring closure to the past.

- Extract and keep the good – *"...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things."* – Phil 4:7
- Stream or swamp – *"In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry" – Eph 4:2*
- Forgiveness is given **NOT** to erase the **P** _____ but to free up a **F** _____.

2. **V** _____ & **M** _____ - "Get ready to cross the Jordan"

Prepare to move forward with your life.

- *For as he thinks within himself, so he is.- Pr 23:7 NASB*
- "get ready to cross" – How can I get ready?
 - *Make an action plan, cut ties, do what is in front of you.*

3. **F** _____ & **E** _____

Prepare yourself with a lifestyle of obedience to Gods word.

- *"Meditate on it day and night"*
- *"careful to DO"*

4. **F** _____ & **R** _____

Remind yourself that God will be with you.

- *Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*
- Prepare yourself for **C** _____. We worship comfort over Christ.
Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. – 1 Peter 4:12
- *"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

5. **Look forward to your R** _____.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
– 2 Timothy 4:8