

True/False:

*God has more FOR us than we have yet to realize or receive.*

TRUE!/: *God does have more FOR us ...*

? – *Wow! Ok!* → *Self-determined path & prosperity.*

? – *Really?!?* → *I do not know God that way.*

TRUE: God does have MORE FOR us ...

→ Understand and receive His **ENCOURAGEMENT**

### **Romans 15:5a**

... the God of endurance and **encouragement** ...

### **Deuteronomy 34:7-8**

Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses **were ended**.

### **Joshua 1:1-2**

**After** the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>2</sup>“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.

1) **Direction & motion** matter and must always be in the **forward position**.

*“Look now forward and let be backward.”*

--The Cloud of Unknowing (~1380)

- Recognize **seasons & transitions** but check your **trajectory**.
- The “More” → God-given, God-determined, & God-prepared
- Need to be able to hear God’s voice → cultivated & developed

### **Exodus 33:11**

Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, **his assistant Joshua** the son of Nun, a young man, **would not depart** from the tent.

- Almost always part of our **past has to be overcome**.
  - How does my past show up in my present?
    - **Emotion**
    - **Perspective/outlook**
    - **Memories of failure**

- Godly encouragement is NOT primarily about relief, relaxation or return to normalcy
  - God is into realization!
    - Get through it vs GO AND TAKE IT!

### **Joshua 1:3-4**

Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I **have given** to you, just as I promised to **Moses**.<sup>4</sup> 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.

2) **Potential** is set by God—His sovereign **pleasure** and sure **promises**.

Potential has to be **realized** →

Ownership is **unconditional** but possession is **conditional**.

### **Joshua 1:5-6**

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.<sup>6</sup> **Be strong and courageous**, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

3) See who we are when God is **with and for us**.

- **Undefeated; steadfast; unaffected**
- **Channel of blessing**
- **Part of something >> 'self'**

### **Joshua 1:7-8a**

**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.<sup>8</sup> 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.

4) The secret is the **spiritual**.

- **Never look at it naturally!!**
- **Accept spiritual responsibility** → Joshua 1:8b

### **Joshua 1:8b**

... For then **you will make your way** prosperous, and then you will have **good success**.

The best question ever!!

**How is your soul?**

#### **4 Components of Soul Health:**

- **Admiration/appreciation of moral beauty** (~God)
- **Meditation** (~God)
- **Do** (moral courage)
- **Perpetual** (not occasional)

**What can we DO? Control?**

→ **Can always address the spiritual ... soul condition!**

#### **Joshua 1:9**

**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.”

#### **5) Possess some holy stubbornness**

- **Refuse to be swayed by fear** or to become stuck in **discouragement**