Today's Theme "The Long View"

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God Told Joshua What Was Possible

- 1. I have *great things* I want to do in your life.
- 2. I'll bless you in ways you can't imagine.

What God Wants Josh To Do

- 1. *Prepare* for the future.
- (1) To prepare we must *let go* of the *past*. Josh 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord. the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.
- (2) To prepare we must evaluate yourself. Josh 1:11 "Go through the camp and tell the people. 'Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own." Proverbs 13:16 All who are prudent act with knowledge, but fools expose their folly.
- 2. Stay faithful to God's word (SFTGW).
- (1) Understand GW guides all issues of life. Josh 1:7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you
- (2) Refuse to get sidetracked from GW. Josh 1:7; . . . do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

(3) Remain faithful to & involved with GW. Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Talk about it - Think about it - Obey it always

- 3. Decide to be *aggressive* in our faith.
- (1) Faith is *more* than *believing* in something. Rom 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
- (2) Faith can make us strong & courageous.
 - 1. Situations can distract & discourage.

Josh 1:6 Be strong and courageous,

Josh 1:7 Be strong and very courageous.

Josh 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous

- 2. Two enemies of faith & courage. Fear keeps us from starting. Discouragement keeps from continuing.
- 4. Build a confident faith that trusts deeply.
- (1) Remember who we're living for.
- (2) Remember He has the *power* to *help* us (3) Remember that trusting God is smart!
- Josh 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Josh 3:5 Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."