



JOSHUA 1:1-9

◆ *Lectio Coram Deo Example* ◆

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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."

ETERNAL THOUGHTS

An exercise of writing things that are true about God and praying them back to God. You can pray in gratitude or just state them as declarations of worship. Try to avoid your response to these things. This is a spotlight on the Lord, making much of Him.

God, You are greater than all the lives of all men and women.

God, You do not die and You speak from one generation to the next to accomplish your plans and keep your promises.

God, You have plans for the future.

God, You command Your people.

Father, You encourage Your people.

God, our heavenly Father, You are with us.

God, You give Your Word as a means to shape men & women.

Lord, You are a patient teacher who tells us important things more than once.

Lord, You are for Your people and want good for us.

Lord, You know the places we dwell and will dwell.

Father, You make promises to us.

Father, Your presence takes away fear.

Lord, You are accessible day and night.

You remember Your promises.

You give us a place to be.

Father, You call men and women to be Your servants.

INTERNAL THOUGHTS

What is different about living and dying as God's servant verses living and dying from self-motivation?

God, help me live as a servant. The best live and die. I need a balance between this fixation with the end and just living day to day. Lord, help me live hidden in You and in light of You and Your continuing presence. Let my success be in being faithful to You.

This passage convicts me to the call to all of Your Word.

God, I too often guilt driven to Your Word, but I need to go deeper. I have gotten too comfortable with what I know. There are books of Your Word I have not visited lately or every dwelled in too long. Forgive me, give me renewed joy in Your Word.

What places has God spoken to me multiple times about my fear?

"All men have fears, those who face their fears have courage." ~ Hemingway

This passage reminds me I have a fear of the unknown. Sometimes I white-knuckle things. I have trouble telling people how I love them or what I struggle with.

God continually speaks to me about a courage to get through conflict.

God reminds to rest in the face of what is unknown to me. How does He help with resting? His Word. I am reminded to be there more.

This passage calls to mind: Who is all this about? It's not about any one person.

God - God's People - God's Plan - God's Provision - God's Place

EXTERNAL THOUGHTS

What is God's mission?

Where is God leading me?

How have I honored the generation ahead of me?

How am I building into the generation behind me?

How is God's mission the main thing in my life?