

**THE PROMISE KEEPER**  
**HEB. 13:5 / 8-23-20 / WED**

**I. FIRST, GOD IS WITH US IN ALL OUR CIRCUMSTANCES.**

- A. Our circumstances today are certainly challenging.
- B. In Deuteronomy 31 the people of Israel were about to experience big challenges in their circumstances too.
  - 1. Moses told them that he would not be going with them into the Promised Land—**Deut.31:1-2**.
  - 2. Instead, Moses told them that Joshua would become their new leader—**Deut. 31:3b**.

**3b Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the Lord said.**

- C. Moses calmed their fears, however, by telling them that God, Himself, would lead them—**Deut. 31:3a**.

**3a The Lord your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land.**

- 1. Moses repeated this promise of God’s presence two more times so there could be no mistake about it—**Deut.31:6 and 31:8**.
- 2. Notice that in both verse 6 and verse 8 Moses said Israel could be strong and courageous knowing that God was with them. And so can we.
- 3. It is no coincidence that Joshua repeated these same words—**Joshua 1:5**.
- D. The message for us today is the same as **Hebrews 13:5b** affirms.

**5b God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”**

- 1. Regardless of your present circumstances now or in the future, God promises to be with you.
- 2. Therefore, we too can be strong, courageous and unafraid.

**II. SECOND, GOD IS WITH US WHEN OUR NEEDS ARE GREAT.**

- A. What needs do you have today?
- B. Notice the context of Hebrews 13:5 is contentment— **“Be content with what you have because God has said, Never will I leave you and never will I forsake you.”**

1. The secret to contentment is found in the first part of verse 13: **5 “Keep your lives free from the love of money.”**
  2. Money isn’t the problem because we all need it to survive.
  3. The problem is the “love” of money.
  4. What does it mean to love money? It means to be greedy about money and the things it can buy.
  5. How can we become content? Paul says it’s something we must learn—**Phil. 4:12-13**.
- C. Another thing that can help us learn to be content is God’s promise to never leave us.
1. Therefore, because of the promise of God’s presence we can pray with confidence Paul’s suggest prayer found in **Phil 4:6**.
  2. Jesus said it like this in **Matt. 6:33**.