

Fear Is a Liar

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Joshua 1

God's Charge to Joshua

¹ Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' ^[a]servant, saying, ² "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. ³ Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory. ⁵ No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous; ^[b]be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may ^[c]have 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 ^[d]be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will ^[e]have success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua Assumes Command

¹⁰ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹ "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.'"

¹² To the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua ^[f]said, ¹³ "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God gives you rest and will give you this land.' ¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross before your brothers in battle array, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them, ¹⁵ until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as *He gives* you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to ^[g]your own land, and possess ^[h]that which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

¹⁶ They answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷ Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you; only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. ¹⁸ Anyone who rebels against your ^[i]command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous."

Footnotes:

- a. Joshua 1:1 Or *minister*
- b. Joshua 1:7 Lit *observe*
- c. Joshua 1:7 Or *act wisely*
- d. Joshua 1:8 Lit *observe*
- e. Joshua 1:8 Or *act wisely*

- f. Joshua 1:12 Lit *said, saying*
- g. Joshua 1:15 Lit *the land of your possession*
- h. Joshua 1:15 Lit *it*
- i. Joshua 1:18 Lit *mouth*

Joshua 3

Israel Crosses the Jordan

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and he and all the sons of Israel set out from Shittim and came to the Jordan, and they lodged there before they crossed. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the midst of the camp; ³and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. ⁴However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 ^[a]cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.”

⁵Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” ⁶And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, “Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over ahead of the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went ahead of the people.

⁷Now the LORD said to Joshua, “This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you. ⁸You shall, moreover, command the priests who are carrying the ark of the covenant, saying, ‘When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand *still* in the Jordan.’” ⁹Then Joshua said to the sons of Israel, “Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God.” ¹⁰Joshua said, “By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite. ¹¹Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan. ¹²Now then, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe. ¹³It shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, *and* the waters which are ^[b]flowing down from above ^[c]will stand in one heap.”

¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest), ¹⁶the waters which were ^[d]flowing down from above stood *and* rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were ^[e]flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho. ¹⁷And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

Footnotes:

- a. Joshua 3:4 I.e. One cubit equals approx 18 in.
- b. Joshua 3:13 Lit *going*
- c. Joshua 3:13 Lit *and they will*
- d. Joshua 3:16 Lit *going*
- e. Joshua 3:16 Lit *going*

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Isaiah 41:13-14

¹³ “For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’”

¹⁴ “Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you,” declares the LORD, “[^a]and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Footnotes:

- a. Isaiah 41:14 Or *even your Redeemer, the Holy One*

Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ [^a]Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you [^b]always, even to the end of the age.”

Footnotes:

- a. Matthew 28:19 Or *Having gone*; Gr aorist part.
- b. Matthew 28:20 Lit *all the days*

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A Thorn in the Flesh

⁷ Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to [^a]torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! ⁸ Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹ And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast [^b]about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with [^c]insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Footnotes:

- a. 2 Corinthians 12:7 Lit *beat*
- b. 2 Corinthians 12:9 Lit *in*
- c. 2 Corinthians 12:10 Or *mistreatment*

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in [^a]any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are [^b]ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. ⁶ But

if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; ⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

Footnotes:

- a. 2 Corinthians 1:4 Lit *every*
- b. 2 Corinthians 1:5 Lit *to us*

Song “Fear Is a Liar” by Zach Williams

Lyrics:

When he told you you're not good enough
When he told you you're not right
When he told you you're not strong enough
To put up a good fight
When he told you you're not worthy
When he told you you're not loved
When he told you you're not beautiful
That you'll never be enough

Fear, he is a liar
He will take your breath
Stop you in your steps
Fear he is a liar
He will rob your rest
Steal your happiness
Cast your fear in the fire
'Cause fear he is a liar

When he told you were troubled
You'll forever be alone
When he told you you should run away
You'll never find a home
When he told you you were dirty
And you should be ashamed
When he told you you could be the one
That grace could never change

Fear he is a liar
He will take your breath
Stop you in your steps
Fear he is a liar
He will rob your rest
Steal your happiness
Cast your fear in the fire
'Cause fear he is a liar

Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel

Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel

Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel

Oh, let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel

Oh, fear he is a liar
He will take your breath
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