“Divine Assurances at Commencement”
Joshua 1:6-9
“Off We Go, Into the Wild Blue Yonder!”

Commencement:
“beginning, start, opening, outset, onset, launch, initiation, inception, origin; informal kickoff”

End of one “chapter” opens another!

Ephesians 2:10 – “workmanship” = Gr. “poema”
God’s Abiding Presence!
Vs. 5, 9

The launch for Graduates is with the Lord!
*“I will be with you; I will not fail/forsake you;”
    I am “with you wherever you go!”
** “be strong and courageous!”

* embracing change at any crossroads in life
  (new job; change of health; new baby, etc.)

* Flat Creek approaching the 200 year mark
We Go With God’s Promises - They Elicit Faith! Vs. 6

God is faithful to His promises! “(this land)... I swore to their fathers to give them”

The impact of His promises:
* arouse expectations beyond what we can do
* focus on eyes on HIM – not current circumstances! “Let’s see what He will do!”
God’s Sovereign Provision Demonstrates His Kindness

Vs. 7b – “so that you may have success wherever you go”

Proverbs 16:9 – “but the Lord directs his steps”

God has plans – Jeremiah 29:11 – “plans for welfare and not calamity, to give you a future and a hope!”
We Bank on God’s Provision

Hebrews 13:20-21 – when He calls, He supplies!

Exodus 14 – “God called Israel out of Egypt”
“parted the waters of the Red Sea; led by pillar of cloud by day; of fire by night manna; quail; water

Early church: - Spirit - written Word purpose

Providing for your salvation: Jesus – “SOMEONE”
Our Challenge: Obedience – Vs. 7

“Be careful law which to do according to all the may have law ... do not turn from it to the right or the left” – vs. 7

So study the Word; apply it; live it! ... “so you may have success wherever you go” vs. 7

Psalm 1:3 – “and in whatever he does, he prospers.”
Example: Rx For Physical Recovery

Dr. says, to recover, do this:
* take this medicine on this frequency
* observe this restricted diet
* avoid these harmful habits
* periodic follow-up tests to monitor

“But you don’t want to do it?”

He has supplied everything you need –
(2 Peter 1:3, 8,10)
“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him”