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Joshua 1:1-9 ✓

SUBJECT: The Divine  
Commission to Joshua

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John 1:1-5

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Most noticeable 1:6, 7, 9 "be strong..." repeatedly bolded  
of. Quot. 1:38; 3:28; 31:23

at first startled us. What? God's word only to those who  
are strong? What of us who like Ehud are left-handed? Like  
Hiddeu, dead in our fathers' house? Like Saul, careless, passively  
conscious, weakness?

No. Not the opposite intended. The heart of Joshua misgave  
him. Conscious of his utter inadequacy. Contrast to be  
made with Moses - his anointing to silence the Jews, to carry man.  
through the desert, to write below  
strength on the tent, to meet when Moses rejoiced  
in the desert for his mantle when Balaam & Midian prophesied in the camp  
glad that the laurels of the conquest, nation building decided the day  
when Moses received authority, death on further side of Jordan, more  
more grateful than his faithful lieutenant. Thought of succeeding  
his more anticipated.

Numbers 27:15-16. Moses brought the Lord for the Lord; more.  
calls the Lord's hand?  
Remember the ground?  
Remember, the first son, Moses?  
When, therefore, the call came to Joshua to assume the office, his  
heart failed him. Needed encouragement.

God can use a man like that.  
most of us too strong, too naive in our own self. we wait for God to  
The word talks of the nervous, the fitful; God gives power to  
the faint, increases the might of those who have  
strength, gives us as it might in weakness, new things that are  
not to long to mighty things that are.

- 1) Ehud right-handed -
- 1) Hiddeu the giant -
- 1) Saul, those left-handed -

## The sources of Joshua's strength

1. A faithful past 1:1 "Moses' mission"  
Num. 25:23 "faithful in a few things, reliable everywhere"  
Phil. 2:6-11 "humbled himself"  
Heb. 5:6 "learned obedience by the things which he suffered"

He shared the slavery, sorrows of a captive race. His dimmed eyes witnessed the brutality of the Egyptian taskmaster.  
He looked upon the refusal of his people to enter the promised land.  
When Moses took no part in abating attack, neither did he.  
He patiently endured the wilderness wanderings, years of sorrow.

This man moves to the place, leadership the generations of men  
Over 80 years of humble devotion.

We must decide before we can ascend.

- - before we make our
- - venture the possibility of a shaft in the quiver of the Lord
- - - refining of gold - the deep, darkness

2. A distinct call. 1: 1 "the Lord speak..."

Not unconscious / over deficiencies

is impossible to / want difficulties

There is ground to see the Lord is very, walked into, great things

But for all that, look steadfastly to the declared purpose of God,  
of His word, His promises will dry up, walls will fall down,  
you water eyes / over a word, armies scattered like dust.

Palmer had a most difficult one.

Recent discovery of the Hittite Empire, a great people, rivalled Egypt  
the inhabitants of Canaan - prepared to fight for any word.

3. A sense of the presence of God. 1: 5, 6 "with thee"

The assurance full, deep, abiding.

Thought to former leaders 7 times better, ...

(a) Brederly walked, opposed in church, Isa. 54:17

4. The indwelling Word 1:8 "this book..."

Source - all the power, coming down, back of it.

God need just a channel through which to give forth His Kingdom.

5. Material 8:1, 3, 4, 5, 8

6. First Sunday: ministry.

Weakness of exploit within the Son, the Spirit in the Son  
restoration, non-initiation - order needs - answer a book will  
sing - gentle pleasure from the wild fruit - accepted manly.