

PONDERING THE CHOICE

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NLT *“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ⁽²⁰⁾ You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”*

Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT *So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.*

Deuteronomy 33:29 NLT *How blessed you are, O Israel! Who else is like you, a people saved by the LORD? He is your protecting shield and your triumphant sword! Your enemies will cringe before you, and you will stomp on their backs!*

PARTNERING WITH GOD

Joshua 1:2-8 NLT *“Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. ⁽³⁾ I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— ⁽⁴⁾ from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.’ ⁽⁵⁾ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. ⁽⁶⁾ “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. ⁽⁷⁾ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. ⁽⁸⁾ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”*

PREPARED FOR THE BATTLE

Joshua 1:11 NLT *“Go through the camp and tell the people to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you.”*

Joshua 3:5-6 NLT *Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you.” ⁽⁶⁾ In the morning Joshua said to the priests, “Lift up the Ark of the Covenant and lead the people across the river.” And so they started out and went ahead of the people.*

Joshua 5:2-4 NLT *At that time the LORD told Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise this second generation of Israelites.” ⁽³⁾ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the entire male population of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁽⁴⁾ Joshua had to circumcise them because all the men who were old enough to fight in battle when they left Egypt had died in the wilderness.*

THINK & DISCUSS:

1. How are you deciding to live your life?
2. In what ways are you partnering with our Lord?
3. How are you honoring the Lord on a daily basis?