

Move Forward

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Losing something is a struggle in faith among us (believers); however, faith in God propels us to move ahead; look forward to a brighter tomorrow; expect blessings; and stand strong in His word.

- Losing something can be a huge problem for some people.
- Losing something is not only material things but also health, businesses, family, friendships, among others.
- It is in losing that we experience struggle, and in struggles faith shows itself the most.

How can we move forward? By faith!

1. Faith moves

- It is in the context of loss that God calls us to move forth; it is in the same context that God called Joshua to move to what was next.
- God's promises are always true no matter where we are in our lives.
- We may be stuck pondering about the things we lost, but time will come when we need to just look forward.
- We should fix our eyes on God, not on the things that are lost.

2. Faith Looks Forward (Joshua 1:9)

- Faith is being certain or sure about the things we don't see yet.
- No trials can stop us if the Lord is with us.
- One thing we are sure of is that His plans for us are good.

3. Faith Expects (Joshua 3:5-6)

- Joshua told the people to make themselves acceptable to God for he has great plans for them (Joshua 3:5). And as he told them this, he showed two things. First, he was excited, and second, he expected good things from the Lord.
- When we ask someone for something we usually expect. And with that said, we expect good gifts from God.

- Some things will only leave us stuck if we don't leave them behind. Learn to accept and move forward.
- We should learn to move on and move forward. For example, the Israelites were lost in the desert for 40 years because they kept arguing; looking at the things lost, and complaining, instead of looking forward to what God had for them.
- When the Ark of the Covenant was made, the Ark went first before the people, so that as they walked, they could see God and look forward to what He had for them.
- Hence, our eyes should be fixed on Jesus and it should not be hard because He is always before us.
- Allow Jesus to lead us to victories and let us be grounded in Him and His word.

4. Faith Stands (Joshua 3:17)

- In the Bible, standing means that we (God's people) are taking ground.
- With that in mind, we should be grounded in His word and should not be discouraged no matter what happens.
- When we are on unstable, middle ground, it will be hard for us to move forward. However, this is a place for us to take a stand because in the middle of our difficulties and problems, we should stand firm in His word.
- God is the beginning and the end, but He is also the God in between.
- If Joshua had disobeyed, he would have missed God.
- God's promises were fulfilled because Joshua obeyed; he got up and started to move forward.

In this life, we need to obey what God is telling us to do no matter how unreasonable or uncomfortable it may be. God's promises will be fulfilled and completed if we obey. Move forward in faith with great expectation.

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