

“From This Day Forward”

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“From this day forward” means to move in God’s direction once an appointment is passed on to us. God has been calling on new leaders to continue finishing His plan for the world. He will equip us and prepare us for the great task. We will surely succeed only when we are ready to obey Him every step of the way.

The leadership was passed on from Moses to Joshua:

1. God appointed Joshua. God chose Joshua to become the leader of Israel upon the death of Moses (Jos. 1:1). Joshua was with Moses since the start of Exodus; he saw the parting of the Red Sea; he led the army during the wilderness campaign (Ex. 17); he was in the mountain with Moses (Ex. 24); and he was one of the 12 spies who checked the promised land (Num 13).

While leaders may come and go, God is the one who sets the Church. The appointment of new leaders is done by God as seen in Moses and Joshua, and it is the same with David to Solomon. Moreover, Jesus appointed Peter to lead the 12 apostles.

2. Joshua inherited people who were discouraged (Jos. 1:10). He was leading the Israelites to the promised land and most of them were anxious about the dangers with the residents of the place they would occupy. God, however, prepared Joshua with strong leadership (Num. 27:18-23). God promised Joshua as he promised Moses, that he would inherit the Promised Land, and no man can withstand him, for He will always be with him (Jos. 1:3-5). Additionally, God also gave conditions to Joshua to be strong and be very courageous to be successful for He will be with him in the future campaign (Jos. 1:7-9)

As Christians, God will set a plan for us to do things for His kingdom and there challenges that will come our way. People, like the spies appointed by Moses, will influence our thoughts which will make us discouraged and anxious. When we are appointed by God, He will always prepare us to succeed. He will have a covenant with us and give us authority through our elders or leaders.

Every success that comes with our service comes not from our ability and strength but from God alone.

3. God’s power supports all who serve Him. Joshua’s campaign in occupying the Promised Land was successful due to God’s promise to him. God’s instruction and law made the Israelites succeed through Joshua’s obedience. God’s promises were fulfilled for Joshua.

When Christians are assigned by God, all should rely on God’s promises and strength. Nobody is greater than God, and God wants us to depend on Him. God will take charge in our lives and more visions will be given to us. He will give us blessings more than we can imagine.

Conclusion:

God has prepared Joshua to continue their exodus to the Promised Land. He gave him a blessing and an instruction to succeed in the campaign. Joshua’s successful entry into the Promised Land was attributed to his careful obedience to God’s word and ever-reliance on God’s instructions.

Reflection:

1. What are God’s instructions that you are working on in your life?
2. How are you going to manage all the discouragement that you face in fulfilling them?
3. How do you keep your communication with God regarding His instructions?

Prayer: “Lord, we surrender to You all that we are today, and we pray that we walk in the newness of love and obedience all the days of our lives as we move forward. In Jesus' name. Amen.”