

“Steps into Victory”

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Steps into victory mean following God's victorious plan for you in obedience to His will and direction. God has set His plan for you in advance (Jer. 29:11) Our Christian life requires obedience and following the will of God as shown in the Book of Joshua. Therefore, to succeed greatly in life, we must obey God's word and direction.

1. **'Just do it' attitude of Joshua.** The land was promised to Abraham and his future generation, and Joshua was the one to finish God's instruction to get it. God specifically prepared the place for the people of Israel a long way back, He provided:

- 1.1 The land dimension (Gen. 15:18-21)
- 1.2 The land specifics (Gen. 17:8)
- 1.3 The land blessings (Ex. 3:8)
- 1.4 The land protection (Lev. 25:23)

2. **God's directions for Joshua:**

2.1 The order - God told Joshua to cross Jordan (Jos. 1:2) to get to the promised land. We must remember that God's plan always includes commandments for us to act.

2.2 The command - God commanded Joshua to take over the land of Canaan. God's promise to Israel was firm and never changed, and Joshua followed God's instruction (Jos. 6). It is important to note that God had already prepared the land, but He required Israel to follow His instructions (e.g. Jericho March). Our prayer must come with belief and action to be effective; that is, with obedience and forgiveness (Mk. 11:24-25, James 2:17), and we must also learn to pray like Jabez (1 Chron. 4:10).

2.3 The promise – God promised Joshua the victory as He promised to Moses. However, the promised land was initially planned with Abraham by God. This means that God had already set His plans for our salvation. God is talking to us now. Therefore, let us fulfill our part and receive God's promise.

3. **The essential steps in living a victorious life.**

3.1 We must be guided by His Word (Ps. 119:115). Our plans must be submitted to Him. The Holy Spirit will help

us recall His word (Jn. 14:26) and meditate on them (Jos. 1:8). Without His word, we will easily perish (Hosea 4:6).

3.2 We must think victorious. Negative thoughts breed failure. This happened to Israel who took 40 years in the desert because of fear. To get the victory, Joshua acted with confidence. We must think positively and be filled with good thoughts to succeed (Phil. 4:8).

3.3 We must focus on hope. Our actions must be filled with hope so that we can gain confidence and peace (Rom. 15:13).

3.4 We must live in praise to God. King David chose to praise the Lord despite his troubles and problems. His confidence lay on God's power, not his.

3.5 We must shift our focus to God. We must avoid looking at the anxieties of life and look at God for safety (Mt. 14:29-31). The Devil is not happy with every step toward victory, so we must fix our eyes on Jesus.

Conclusion:

It is important to note that our life has been planned by God long before we follow His instructions. In the same way, God described the Promised Land to Israel to show that He planned their victorious journey; they only needed to obey all His instructions. We must look into our scriptures and pray to God so that every step, is a step to victory.

Reflection:

1. How do you show your plans to God?
2. What are the most important steps in your life today? Is there something blocking you from claiming victory?
3. What are your important Bible verses as you walk towards victory?

Prayer: “Lord, I will fix my eyes on you. I don't know where I am heading nor the end of my journey; but I will give all this to you so that you will lead me towards victory. In Jesus' name. Amen.”