

### Volume 10, Issue 26: You've Got This

As I stumbled into Joshua's commissioning section of Scripture once more this morning, it occurred to me that God affirms us for the work He gives us to do. I also remembered Jesus' commissioning and noticed how related it is to Joshua's. When He was being baptized by John the Baptist, as He came out of the water, a dove rested on His head and God spoke in a loud voice saying, "This my son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased."

Jesus was just about to begin His ministry, which would culminate in sorrow and crucifixion on a wooden cross. And God gave Him a prep talk in the hearing of people. I believe this affirmation was to prepare and encourage our Lord Jesus to step into His job with courage, the same way Joshua's was. And I believe that this commissioning is for us too as heirs with Joshua and Jesus.

Joshua's job was to lead the children of Israel across the Jordan River into the promised land. He was taking over where Moses left things. God must have figured that Joshua was probably intimidated by the task ahead. I mean, he was being required to step into some really big shoes. Having walked closely beside Moses, he knew the weight of responsibility Moses carried and probably felt he wasn't as mighty.

I think if Joshua was oozing with confidence, God wouldn't have given him this particular prep talk, commanding him to be strong and courageous. As He commissioned him, God told Joshua, "It's all yours. All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Strength! Courage! You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul." Joshua 1:1-9 MSG.

God was in essence telling Joshua, "You've got this." And He is telling us that too for the work that our hands have found to do. Believe that your line of work is not just random, and that God is interested in you succeeding in it.

I am mesmerized by God's words to Joshua. If you know that God has told you that all your life

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no opposition that raises its head against you for the work He has given you will succeed, you walk on air, humbled to be loved and protected. When you know that God has promised to be with you, to never give up on you however weary you get at your work from time to time, and to never leave you, then you know you've got all you need to succeed at it.

Whatever it is that you do for work, you've got this. However big your responsibilities grow, you've got this. Joshua's responsibilities started small. He was just an assistant. But then he got promoted to team leader position. It appears that Joshua gave everything to his assistant job and God was impressed. And now as a team leader, God needed Joshua to know that He had noticed his strong work ethic when he was an assistant, and that because of it, he was good enough for the leadership job.

For His Glory,

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