

GETTING READY—WORDS FROM THE TOP

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Moving Into Your Inheritance in Christ, part 1

“Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.” **2 Timothy 2:3-4**

MAIN IDEA: What would God say to encourage and focus us as we embark on this journey of equipping and training for readiness to engage in God’s full purposes?

“After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: ² “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, **get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am giving to them**—to the Israelites. ³ **I will give you every place where you set your foot**, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. **As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.** ⁶ **Be strong and courageous**, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.” **Joshua 1:1-6**

1. Get ready, rise up, **STEP OUT** of your comfort zone into your full inheritance in Christ.

“...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” **Philippians 2:12-13** ESV

- You cannot stay in neutral and grow in God.
- You cannot reap the benefits of spirit growth without growing.
- Your spiritual life will largely reflect your investment.

2. You inheritance is much larger than you ever thought! **THINK BIGGER!**

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” **2 Peter 1:3** (Ephesians 1)

“Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the LORD said to Joshua, “**See**, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.” **Josh 6:1–2**

“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” **2 Corinthians 8:7**

“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” **John 14:12**

Isaiah 53:4–5

3. Fear and weakness are transformed into strength and courage through an active, **TRUST-CONNECTION** to God’s abiding presence.

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“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” **1 Corinthians 16:13**

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” **Matthew 26:41**