

GET READY—MARCHING ORDERS

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Moving Into God's Best For You, part 2

MAIN IDEA: What would God's marching orders be to us as we move more intentionally into our full inheritance in Christ?

⁷ Be careful to **obey** all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be **successful** wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be **prosperous** and **successful**. **Joshua 1:7-8**

1. OBEYING ME is key to success and significance in my kingdom.

Where are you knowingly not obeying him? Why?

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." **John 14:15** (1 John 5:3)

2. My Word (the Bible) is the only TRUE BOUNDARY SETTER for your obedience.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." **2 Timothy 3:16-17** NLT

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **John 8:31-32** ESV (cf. 15:7)

Talk about it, meditate on it, build your lives on it.

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word... I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." **Psalms 119:9, 11**

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for **the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.**" **Joshua 1:9-11**

You must connect to the source of your strength & courage: my unseen, but Certain, Unseen Presence. (Matt. 28:20)

¹² But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, "Remember the command that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you after he said, 'The Lord your God will give you rest by giving you this land.' Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, ready for battle, must cross over ahead of your fellow Israelites. You are to help them until the Lord gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land the Lord your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise." **Joshua 1:12-15**

3. Your job is to HELP OTHERS into their inheritance in Christ.

"For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord..." **Romans 1:11-12** NLT

¹⁶ Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses. Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!" **Joshua 1:16-18**

4. Work hard at unity: A UNITED people are a POWERFUL people.

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." **Ephesians 4:3** NLT (Judg. 6:16; Neh. 8:1; Heb. 13:17)