THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER MORE.

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ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

- Hebrews 13: 5-8
 - 5 God has said,
 - "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
 - 6 So we say with confidence,
 - "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mortal man do to me?"

- Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
 Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Our Focus Remains: "The House of Prayer for all Nations, Extending God's Love to all the Nations."
We are sowers (not eaters) but the sower reaps in multiple folds.

The Leaders, consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us apply the lessons and, thus, create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us in 2023.

The Leader, JOSHUA, consider the outcome of His way of life and imitate His faith.

Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)

- ¹After 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 about to give 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.
- Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

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Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV) (continued)

- 7 "Be strong and very courageous. 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.
- Neep 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.
- Have I not commanded you? Be <u>strong and courageous</u>. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."
- Brethren, let's now see how Joshua responded to God's call, the outcome of his way of life and what we can imitate from his faith.

Joshua had been with God since his youth.

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²⁷A young man ran and reported to Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸Joshua son of Nun, the <u>attendant to Moses since youth</u>, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses replied, "Are you jealous on my account? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would place His Spirit on them!"

Joshua enjoyed being in God's presence all the time Exodus 33:7-11

⁷Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. ... ⁹ As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with

Moses. ¹¹ The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide, Joshua son of Nun, did not leave the tent.

Joshua learnt, while with Moses, that it is not by his power that he can get victory but by the power of God. This kept him inspired

Exodus 17:10

¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

Joshua had his trust and confidence in the Lord – 'if the Lord is pleased with us... 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD'

Numbers 14:6- Exploring the promised land

⁶ Joshua and Caleb, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸ If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

Joshua was asking the people to focus on what God can do.

We see the confirmation of Joshua's position in

Zachariah 4:6 ""Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of Hosts."

- Acts 1:8, Jesus said: 7"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- You will carry out the job BUT you will do it with Supernatural power
- Having heard the voice of God in Joshua 1:1-9, Joshua began to act, leaning on his way of life – Obedience, Trust, Diligence.
- 1. Joshua ordered the officers of the people: 11 "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own."
- 2. He respected Moses' command: ¹² But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, ¹³ "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.'

3. He tapped into the power of God. Joshua 5:13-14

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

4/Joshua focused on getting his strategies from God:

- Joshua 6:1-6: Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. ² Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Joshua obeyed and the walls fell
- b. In all battles against the kings of the Amorites, Joshua got his fighting strategies from God
- c. Even at his old age, Joshua consistently reminded himself and the people of what God has done for Israel: **Psalm 105:1** "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His

name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Joshua 24:1-15

1Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ... 3 I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.¹¹ "'Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. 12 I sent the hornet (terror) ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. 13 So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.' 14 "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. ... 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, .. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Brethren, for God to recount what He has done Himself, it means He expects us to remind ourselves and others of the goodness of God.

The Faith of Joshua is worthy of imitation:

The greatest lesson of faith to learn from Joshua is that

Courage: "It is not by power or by might but by the Spirit of God."

Reason:

- 1. He said: **Numbers 14:** Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."
- 2. He looked up: **Joshua 5:**¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"
- 3. He encouraged others to be strong and courageous
- 4. He served God all His life

Outcome of Joshua's way of life and his faith

- Joshua won every battle;
- He served God to the end

Brethren, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever more. As was done in the days of Joshua, He continues to do in our days today:

KCM Corporate Prayers:

1. Pray for each Nation's needs:
Proverbs 14:34, says that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Joshua 24:14 "Now fear the LORD and serve Him with all faithfulness 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, .. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Let us pray that nations will choose to serve the Lord. And that righteousness will prevail in nations so that they will be positioned to receive God's love.