How Big is Your God?
Joshua

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And If anything should go wrong, it will –
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O'Tool's Corollary…

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Can be blindsided and and are often defeated	Have little hope or joy and are often defeated	Overcome problems in God's strength with victory, joy and hope

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Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

Joshua 1:1-2

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"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads,
I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

Joshua 1:3

“But as many as ***received*** Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

John 1:12

From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory.

Joshua 1:4

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“On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants ***I have given this land***, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:”

Genesis 15:18

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No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; ***I will not fail you or forsake you"***

Joshua 1:5

“For He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,” so that we confidently say, “THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?””

Hebrews 13:5

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“Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:6

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”This is eternal life, ***that they may know You***, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

John 17:3

“Only be ***strong*** and very ***courageous***; be ***careful*** to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have ***success*** wherever you go.

“This ***book of the law*** shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall ***meditate*** on it day and night, so that you may be ***careful*** to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way ***prosperous***, and then you will have ***success***.

Joshua 1:7-8

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“For the ***word of God*** is ***living*** and ***active*** and ***sharper*** than any two-edged sword, and ***piercing*** as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the ***thoughts*** and ***intentions*** of the ***heart***.”

Hebrews 4:12

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“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.’” To the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, “Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘The LORD your God gives you rest and will give you this land.’

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“Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross before your brothers in battle array, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them, until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as He gives you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them.

Then you shall return to your own land, and possess that which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

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“They answered Joshua, saying, “***All*** that you have commanded us we will do, and ***wherever*** you send us we will go. “Just as we ***obeyed*** Moses in ***all*** things, so we will ***obey*** you; only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. “Anyone who rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous.””

Joshua 1:9-18

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Joshua 1:16

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A Core Value…

"In essentials, ***unity***;
In nonessentials, ***liberty***;
In all things, ***love***."

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2. They fixed their attention *on the Lord*

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“The ***steadfast*** of ***mind*** you will keep in perfect ***peace***, Because he ***trusts*** in ***you***.”

Isaiah 26:3

“’Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will ***strengthen*** you, surely I will ***help*** you, Surely I will ***uphold*** you with My righteous right hand.’”

Isaiah 41:10

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“Be ***anxious*** for ***nothing***, but in ***everything*** by ***prayer*** and ***supplication*** with ***thanksgiving*** let your requests be made known to God. And the ***peace*** of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall ***guard your hearts*** and ***your minds*** in ***Christ Jesus***.”

Philippians 4:6-7

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