

# DO WE EVER FAIL TO DRINK?

## ENGLISH PROVERB

**"You can lead a horse to water,  
but you can't make him drink."**

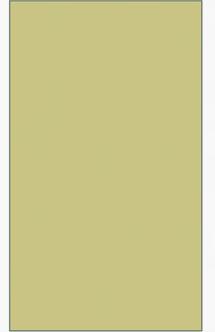


You can offer somebody an opportunity to do something, but you can't force them to do it.

Free English Materials For You

# GOD LEADS. DO WE FOLLOW?

JOSHUA 1



# ARE WE PROGRESSING?

- We should always be progressing on our spiritual journey.
- Faith of a Child (Matt 19: 14)
- Progressing from Milk to Solid Food. (1 Cor. 3: 2)
- The Realization of Who Christ Is- (Peter in John 6:67-69)
- How can I improve? (Rich Young Man- Matt 19: 16-21)
- Giving Our Lives to God (Faith of Stephen- Acts 7 and 8)
- Run the Race (1 Cor. 9: 24-27)
- Final Reward (Revelation 22: 14)

# WANDERING THROUGH THE DESERT

- God led the Israelites out of Egypt.
- *Destination- Promised Land of Canaan*
- *Distance-240 miles*
- *Duration of the Trip- 40 years or 14600 days*
- *Average Distance Traveled per Day- 87 feet*
- The disobedience of the Israelites lengthened their journey and kept them from enjoying Canaan.
- What does our disobedience prevent us from enjoying?

# MOVING FROM WHERE WE ARE TO WHERE GOD WANTS US TO BE

## **Receive the Challenge**

*1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup> "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. (Joshua 1: 1-2)*

**God challenged Joshua to lead the Israelites.**

**Joshua accepted the challenge even though he knew the strengths and weaknesses of the Israelites.**

# CHALLENGE OF THE UNTAMED

- *<sup>15</sup> Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. (Joshua 3: 15)*
- **Why now God?**
- **Can't the this wait until a better time?**

# GOD WILL HELP TO TAME

- *Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, <sup>16</sup> the water from upstream stopped flowing... So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground. Joshua 3: 16-17*
- **God will tame our challenges.**
- **He will make them beatable.**
- **God's power is often revealed during times of seemingly great challenge.**

# CHALLENGE OF THE UNKNOWN

- *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. (Joshua 1: 4)*
- **The Israelites were crossing into an unknown land.**
- **We face the unknown each day.**
- **Becoming dependent on God during uncertain times, can lead to great victory.**

# RECOGNIZE GOD'S COMMITMENT

- *<sup>5</sup> 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. (Joshua 1: 5)*
- **When Joshua accepted God's challenge, God promised to be with him always.**
- **The Israelites were willing to face the challenges ahead because God was with them.**

# HIS PROMISE REMAINS

- **God has given that same promise to us.**
- *19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**"*  
(Matt 28: 19-20)
- **Does God's promise make any difference in how we approach our challenges?**

# RESPECT GOD'S COMMANDS

- *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. (Joshua 1: 7)*
- **Joshua was to obey the even though Moses was gone.**
- **To claim victory, the Israelites had to be obedient.**

# RESPECT FOR GOD'S WORD IS TO BE...

- **Complete**

- We must implement all of God's word into our lives, not just pick or choose what we are going to obey.

- **Consistent**

- We must follow God's teachings each day, not just on Sundays. Inconsistency will make no difference in our lives.

# GETTING TO WHERE GOD WANTS US TO GO

- Face our challenges believing that God is with us.
- Believe in God's commitment to us.
- Our commitment to God has to be strong.
- Follow God's teachings consistently.