**8/27/23 Just a Litter Reminder From God! Joshua 1:1-9**

* It’s ironic that we are able to remember catchy phrases and jingles from our past, but tend to forget what God has said especially during difficult times.
* God is always faithful to His promises, and we are able to find hundreds of them throughout His Word.
* The Israelites were camped at the edge of Canaan waiting to cross the Jordan.

**1. God has a plan for His people.**

* He had a plan for a smooth and peaceful transition of power.
* The name Joshua means Jehovah saves. God picked him to lead the people to the Promised Land.
* God made crossing the Jordan possible by performing a miracle that would validate Joshua as their new leader.

**Numbers 27:12-19; Deut. 34:7; Joshua 1:1-2, 3:15-17, 4:18-19**

**2. The Lord provides, protects, and exhorts.**

* We thank the Lord for being Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Rapha, Jehovah-Nissi, and Jehovah-Shalom.
* The Lord promised Joshua the same thing that He had promised Moses. Everywhere he went he would be on land God had given them.
* Before Moses died, he twice commanded Joshua to be courageous in the task and the Lord Himself tells Joshua three times to be courageous.
* God reminded them of the promise He made with Abraham to give them the land.

**Joshua 1:3-6, 9; Deut. 3:4, 31:7, 23; Genesis 17:8-9**

**3. Obedience brings blessings.**

* God tells us that obedience is better than sacrifice!
* Even though Israel was promised much by God, they had to fight battles and lay hold of their possessions because of their sin and disobedience.
* God tells Israel and us to study, meditate, and obey all that is written in order to be successful.

**1 Samuel 15:22; Joshua 1:7-9**