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Title: Facing Changes in Life with God's Help

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

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. ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your 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. ⁵No 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. ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. 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. ⁸Keep 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. ⁹Have 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."

Each New Year offers challenges which result in changes. When Moses died and Joshua took his place Joshua and the people faced some major changes. Where were they actually going? What kind of leader would Joshua be? What dangers would they face? What would be their livelihood? A spirit of anxiousness and fear was in the air. God gave to Joshua words of encouragement that are relative for us today.

When we face challenges remember God Knows what's coming. v.3

When we face challenges God has promised to be with us. v.5

When we face challenges depend upon God to give you courage. v.9

When we face challenges stay grafted in the Word of God. v.8

When we face challenges remain obedient to God. v.7