

Verse of the Month Devotional

September

Have not I commanded thee?
Be strong and of a good courage;
be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed;
for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.
Joshua 1:9

Thoughts on the verse:

Fear is a liar, and it steals from us if we don't put it in its place. It steals our joy, our hope, our peace and our dreams. It causes us to play small, live safe and talk ourselves out of fighting the battles that God has called us to do. We choose keeping peace over making peace, and convince ourselves life is better lived this way. There is no coincidence that "Fear not" is written in the Bible 365 times... enough to cover us each and every day we walk through the year. Our Good Father has given us another great promise: to be strong and of a good courage... and He will be WITH US WHEREVER WE GO. How could we go wrong, my friends?

Prayer:

Father we thank you that you never give us a commandment without a promise. We thank You that You never give us hard assignments without equipping us with what we need. Help us to see that what You want us to do is for Your Kingdom, for Your glory... and for our good. Help us to trust You that when You say something, it is true and it WILL come to pass. Help us to have eyes of faith that see 20/20 in the Spirit, and that see the best in the hard things You may call us to. Help us to count it a privilege and honor to serve You. Thank You for going with us, wherever we may go, in Jesus' name.

Action:

Think about a time when You knew that fear was your number one motivator and it robbed you from the decision you were going to make. Write it down and replace the old scenario with what you WISH you had done instead. Replay those scenes in your mind, and try to identify the main cause for the fear that made you choose the wrong action. Call it out and ask God to help you get rid of that fear and replace it with a new confidence and boldness in Him. Write down your declarations for the next time you know He is giving you an assignment, and be ready to choose the better path this time.

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