

## Imagine

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

In serving God our \_\_\_\_\_ is front of us, not behind us.

God's presence in Joshua's life was the key to his success.

When we follow God, we become His servants; we will find that His presence will be with us. Imagine what this means. When God tells us to do something, we are not alone. He is with us. Ref: Joshua 1:2, 9

Joshua wasn't special or unique. He was just an ordinary Israelite man. The difference wasn't in who he was but rather Who was with him.

Success does not hinge on our heredity but on our \_\_\_\_\_.

Life in the presence of God changes everything. Things that used to be impossible become possible.

We have some lessons from history that teach us that our circumstances do not have to control our destiny. When we look at our lives with God's presence, we find that God's presence heals us and raises us up for His purpose.

God is not as interested in our origins as he is in our obedience. Obedience is foundational to our worship.

### Imagine a Life of Peace and Strength

When we think of life with God's presence, we must know that first off, it's the best life that a human can have. Ref: Joshua 1:5

Without God's presence we are doomed, whether we like it or not, to a life of pride, greed, anger, fear, resentment, and anxiety. Ref: Proverbs 10:28-30

Peace literally means "\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_."

This is what life in God's presence is like, a life of peace. The security of knowing that God will be with us and watch over us, He will never abandon us because He loves those who seek after His heart.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

In this verse, the Lord links strength, courage, fearlessness, and confidence with a life lived in the presence of God.

When we live our lives in God's presence, fear, anxiety, and inferiority melt and are replaced by strength, courage, and fearlessness.

For Christians, strength is not determined in arms or military might, intelligence or inherent ability. For Christians, those who have submitted their lives to Christ, strength comes from WHO is with them.

As God went before Joshua into Canaan, God will go before us in our time of need.

This week read: 1<sup>st</sup> John Chapter 4. Read slowly out loud. Mediate and listen.

Perfect love casts out fear. (1<sup>st</sup> Jo. 4:18)

In all of life, when we live with the presence of God, strength grows inside our hearts.