



# REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

*Imparting The Elijah Anointing*

## *Apostolic Advice*

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### *"Apostolic Courage"*

Moses is understood to be an Old Testament **apostle** according to Hebrews 3:1-3 where he is compared to our Apostle and High Priest, Jesus Christ. Moses is credited with "**building a house**", the work of apostles, and imparting to another generation of leaders as a **spiritual father**. We see the impartation going into Joshua enabling him to do the **greater work** of leading the people into their inheritance after having received deliverance thru the ministry of Moses.

An aspect on the anointing given to Joshua was **courage**, something Moses displayed on many occasions while leading Israel out of bondage and something Joshua witnessed in his spiritual father. Courage simply means to "**continue in the face of fear and adversity or against much greater odds**".

*"Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them", Josh. 1:6*

Joshua would need great courage to face the odds arrayed against him and his congregation if they were to succeed in obtaining all God planned for them. Courage is to be the **badge of apostolic people** since we are living in **perilous times** as Paul promised we would in the last days (2Tim.3:1). Paul was a great example of courage to Timothy and all of his apostolic team, facing adversity with assurance of victory and a determination to **never give up**. During the Battle of Britain, Winston Churchill motivated his people

to succeed against all odds by assuring them *"We will never give up"*, and God worked miracles to give them the victory against overwhelming odds. Courage gives a person the ability to **focus on the objective** when there are many attempts to get distracted. *"To get distracted is to get discouraged"*, that is why God emphasized to Joshua the **goal** he was to focus on, *"for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land"*. God was telling Joshua that he would accomplish this task against any odds if he would walk in courage.

Apostolic people are those believers who have been *"sent forth by the Holy Ghost"* on a divine assignment (Acts 13:4) that would encounter great resistance from the enemy, and would require great amounts of courage. Consider Paul as an example of courage when he had to *"ride out a great storm"* while enroute to testify before Caesar. After the storm and subsequent shipwreck, he still had to overcome being marooned and considered an escaped criminal. It's no wonder Paul could confidently stand before the Roman tribunal and confidently say, *"The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work and will deliver me safely to his heavenly kingdom"* (2 Tim.4:18). His courage had developed by facing adversity time and again, beating all the odds. With God no-thing shall be impossible. Today's apostolic people, those who have sat under apostolic anointing, should be the examples of courage to this generation, keeping their eyes on their God given objectives and turning apparent defeat into glorious victory for the glory of God. The shifting conditions of our day may instill fear in many, but those with apostolic anointing will remain courageous during the most difficult situations, inspiring others to *"fight the good fight of faith"* and obtain the prize before them. When we operate in courage and refuse to give in to fear, God will make a way where there is no way. When Moses courageously led Israel to the Red Sea, little did he know that the *"path of deliverance"* was *"hidden at the bottom of the sea"*. The way was there all the time, but didn't open up until it was necessary. This is a word for us today, **the hidden path will open at the right time**, and it was hidden in our **obstacle** the whole time.

Serving Him and You with Joy,

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