

Presence and Assurance

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Joshua 1:1-11

It takes assurance to do the will of God. Joshua was thankful God understood that fact. Joshua had seen the great walled cities of Canaan 40 years before. They hadn't grown smaller with the passing of time. Taking the Promised Land would require more than all the force a united Israel could muster. It would take the power and presence of God.

A generation earlier Moses had pleaded with the Lord, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" (Exodus 33:15-16). And God gave him assurance, "I will do the very thing you have asked" (v. 17).

When we obey God's call we have the assurance of His presence.

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