*Friday, April 1, 2011*

**Strong Possibilities**

Joshua 1:5-6 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (6) Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. (KJV)

Back in the time of Joshua, our Lord had a place for His people, an inheritance that He desired to give them. However, in order for them to receive this promise they would have to stay strong and of good courage, because the enemy would try to get them to fall for a lie. Oh by the way, this wasn’t the first time that they were close to this Promised Land; however, because they chose not to be strong and courageous the first time around, they ended up wandering around in the wilderness instead.

Joshua 1:7-9 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. (8) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (9) 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. (KJV)

Are you tired of wandering around in circles, knowing that God has a plan and a better place for you to inherit as well? When starting your day, did you make the word of God your priority so that you would have a strong and courageous mindset? If you do, then you too will go forward in your walk and be prosperous as well, seeing the results from above which will bring about good success. Be strong Church, and of good courage, because that same God that was with the children of Israel is with you also, and He promised that He would never leave, or forsake us either.

Psalms 27:12-14 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. (13) I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. (14) Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. (KJV)

All that choose to live a godly life in Christ will suffer persecution from those that choose to believe a lie. Church, it’s not a matter of ‘if’ it will happen, rather it is now a matter of how will you respond? If I lean back to my own strength and understanding then I will faint and fall short. However, if I wait on the Lord for His strength then I can proceed forward in my walk and still see the victory manifest, despite the outward appearance at the time.

1 Chronicles 22:11-13 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee. (12) Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. (13) Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. (KJV)

Solomon was the king of Israel and was given a lot of responsibility, not only to govern the people but to build a temple for the Lord. You also are given the task to build a temple for our Lord to inhabit, one that will bring glory to His name. You are the temple of God, and are encouraged as well to be an example of the believers in strength and good courage. You too should be prospering, and be in good health, spirit, soul and body, nothing less. The Lord continues to encourage His people, and strengthen them for the task so that they can be delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the realm of victory.

Psalms 31:23-24 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. (24) Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. (KJV)

Come on Church, enough of this defeated nonsense and lies, enough of acting like the tail instead of the head. Be of good courage, and strengthen that inner man so that you continue to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. With God all things are now possible, and in His realm nothing should seem impossible any longer. God bless Church, and go join the parade.