



confident in this

The places the Lord has called us, the circumstances we face, and the tasks or things He has entrusted to us can be overwhelming. Knowing, hearing, or being in-tune with His voice, especially in the quiet (or “thin silence” as discussed in the previous study), is what gives us confidence in these appointed places, circumstances, and tasks. His presence is within us and with us. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He Himself is with us. It is not just His presence that goes before, it is He. He Himself leads, guides, and directs. This is why we can be confident in what we’re facing at home.

Remember, the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He has carried a covenant with His people from generation to generation. He promised to be faithful to His people/the Israelites (as seen throughout the whole Old Testament) and to do what He has promised: guide them into the Promised Land (Israel). He uses some of the most unlikely people to fulfill His promises and to carry out the task. You probably don’t see the end goal of what you’re walking through right now, and you may never see this side of eternity, but you can trust in His shepherding. You can trust in His leading, guiding, and voice. You can trust His presence with you; He Himself is with you.

read

Joshua 1:1-6

Exodus 33:12-14

Psalm 91

reflect & journal

1. Joshua was stepping into Moses’ shoes and leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. What do you observe about the words of the Lord?
2. In what ways is the Lord encouraging Joshua for the task and responsibilities he has at hand? What promises does He give to Joshua as he faces his calling in a place he has never been? What is the one thing the Lord is asking of Joshua in these verses? What is the Lord asking of you in the place you’re in, and what promises can you cling to?
3. In the Exodus passage, what was Moses’ concern and “complaint” to the Lord? How did the Lord encourage him? How was the Lord’s promise to Joshua also a fulfillment of His promise to Moses?
4. What do you learn about the Lord from this Psalm? What stands out to you about Him? What Truth can you cling to in your mundane, ordinary, and messy circumstances?
5. From each of these passages, what do you notice about the character of the Lord? How can you apply this Truth to your current circumstances?

pray

- Pray for a greater trust in the words of the Lord than in your feelings.
- Pray that you would grow in awareness that He Himself is with you.
- Pray that these truths would result in courage to move forward in your circumstances.
- Memorize Philippians 1:6.