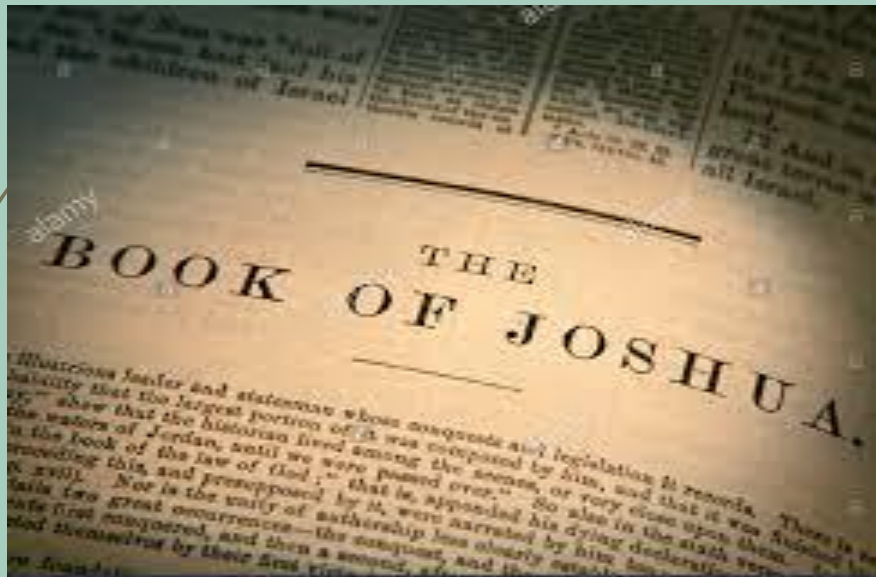
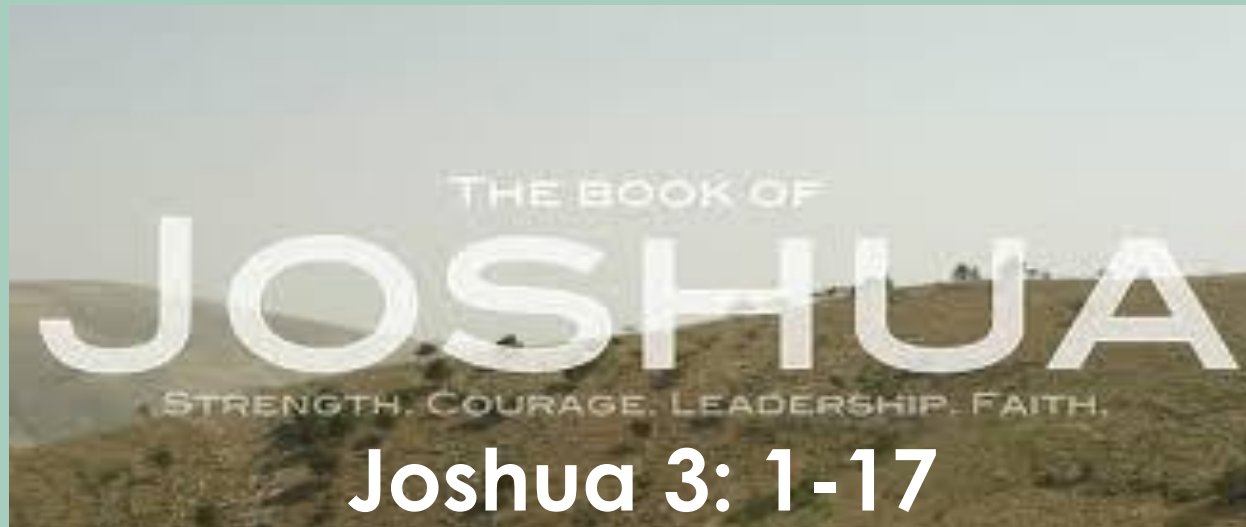




Making the Crossing

Joshua 3: 1-17; Matthew 28: 16-20





“Mission Impossible: Jordan Crossing”



Chapter 1

God had commissioned Joshua to succeed Moses as the leader of Israel.

- ✓ To lead the Israelites across the Jordan River,
- ✓ To drive out their enemies from Canaan, &
- ✓ To possess the land God had promised to His people



Chapter 1

v.5 *“No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

v.9 *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*



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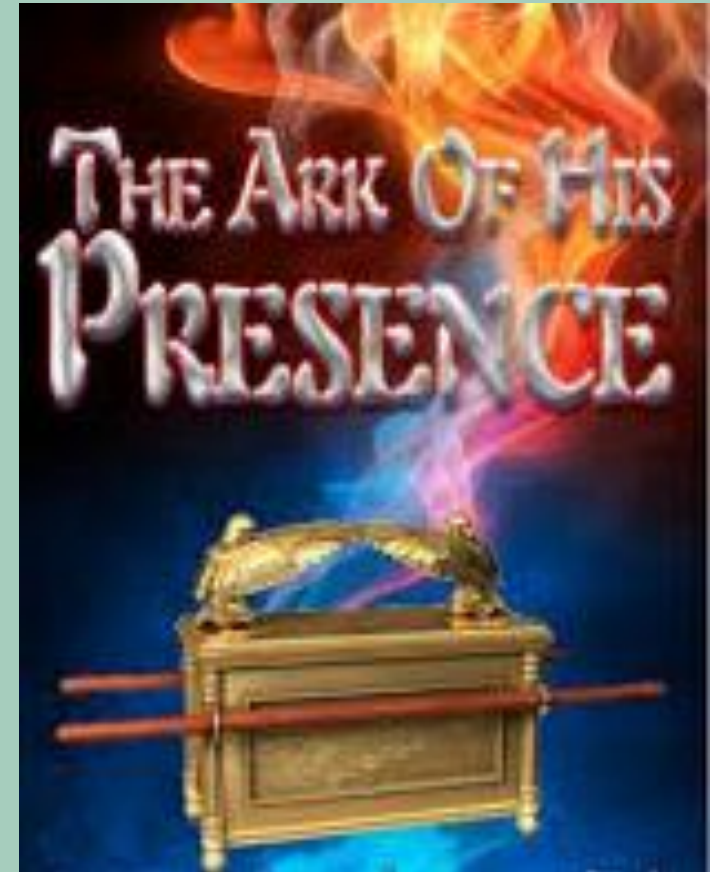
Joshua received from the Lord clear & specific instructions to make the crossing.





#1 There is no problem that cannot be overcome when God is with His people.

The successful crossing of the Jordan River was possible because God was with His people.



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- ✓ Today, the presence of God is not confined in an ark.
- ✓ God's Spirit dwells in the hearts of His people.
- ✓ God is with His people all the time wherever we are.



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In the Christian life,

- ✓ **you either overcome or be overcome;**
- ✓ **you are either a victor or a victim.**



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To live in the Promised Land is

- ✓ to live according to God's word & purpose;
- ✓ to live in freedom from sin,
- ✓ to live according to God's will & expectations,
- ✓ to live as God's holy people in this world.



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Our Lord Jesus has commissioned His people;

- ✓ to preach the gospel,
- ✓ to bring unbelievers to Christ,
- ✓ to make disciples of all nations.

(Matt 28: 16-20)

#2 Faith must lead to acts of obedience



Joshua obeyed & did as the Lord commanded him.

#2 Faith must lead to acts of obedience

- ✓ Faith is to trust God's promises
- ✓ Faith is also to obey His instructions even if they seem ridiculous.



Hebrews 11
The great “Faith Chapter”

**They all trusted God &
acted in obedience**



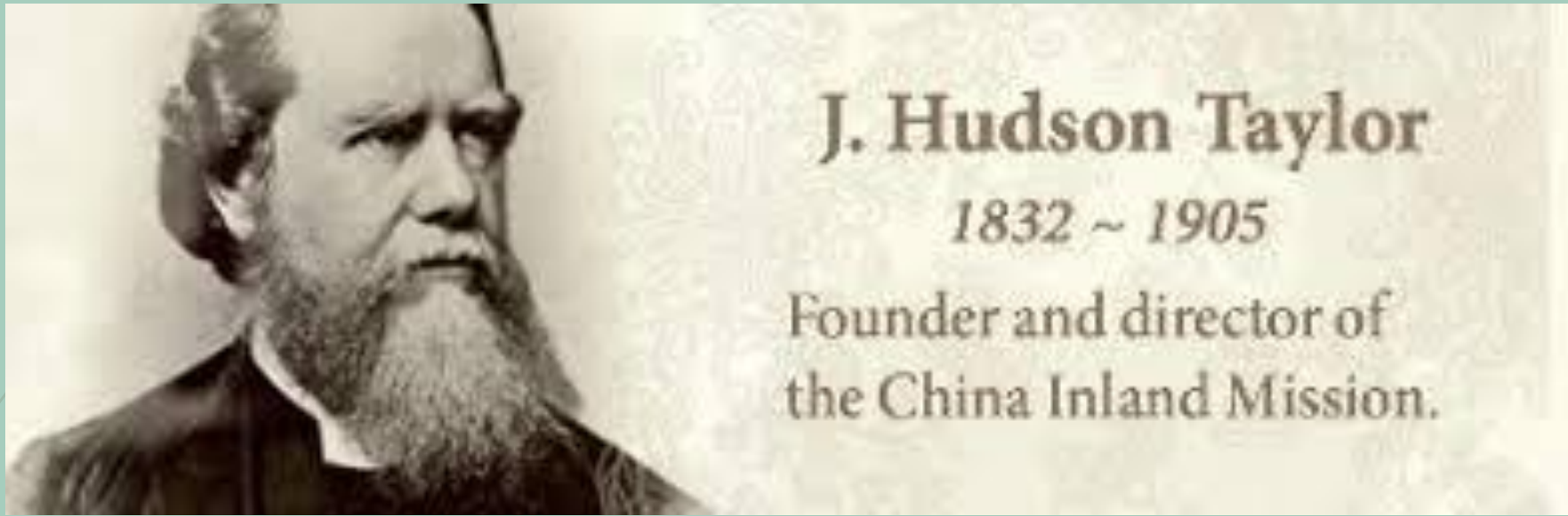
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A Christian leader said,

“Faith is not just believing in spite of the evidence
but obeying in spite of the consequence.”

Authentic faith always results in obedience





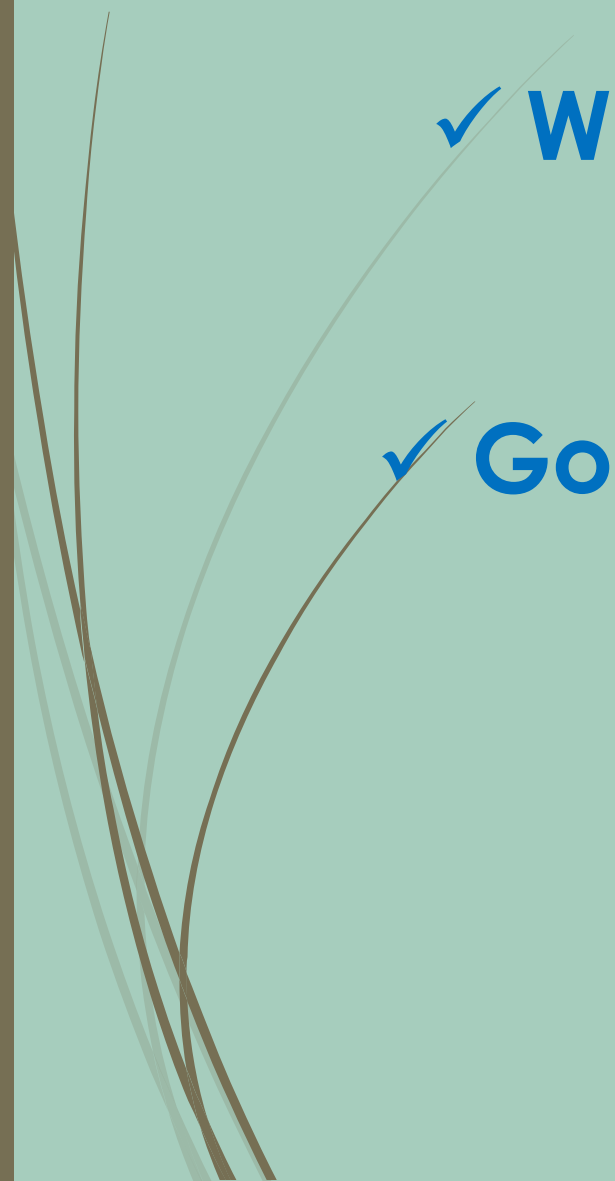
God said to him, **“Go for Me to China”**

At the time of Hudson Taylor's death,

- ✓ 1000 China Inland Mission stations,
- ✓ 800 missionaries,
- ✓ more than 2000 native pastors & evangelists.



CONCLUSION

- ✓ We need to be clear of the mission God has entrusted to us.
 - ✓ God is with us & nothing is impossible to Him.
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Joshua 1: 6-9 (ESV)

6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

Joshua 1: 6-9 (ESV)

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”