**(Joshua 1)**

YOUR PROMISED LAND

**1––IT’S TIME TO CROSS OVER**

**Joshua 1:1–7 (NKJV)** After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: **2** “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. **3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. **5** No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

**EXCERPTS FROM MY PERSONAL JOURNAL ENTRY FROM MAY 7, 2020**

***CROSS OVER ... TODAY!***

*As I began to read this passage today* ***[Joshua 1]****, I knew that the Lord was speaking some powerful things. But as I have continued to meditate on it, I have recognized that it is pivotal, prophetic and profound. This is a “Kairos moment!”*

**LET ME INTERRUPT TO SHOW YOU WHAT A “KAIROS” MOMENT IS**

**Kairos is a Greek word used over 80x in the Bible.**

**It’s most often translated, “time,” but it’s sometimes translated, season, due season, certain time, opportunity, or opportune time.**

**Here’s an example:**

**Luke 4:13 (NKJV)** Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until **an opportune time.**

**The Kingdom of God has “opportune times” too.**

**I KNEW THAT DAY THAT WE WERE IN ONE WHEN I READ VERSE TWO:**

**Joshua 1:2 (NKJV)** “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.

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*Here’s what I hear the Lord saying:*

***“Moses my servant is dead”*** *— the way churches have done ministry in America is over … and it will never be the same again.*

***“Now therefore arise and go over this Jordan”****––Now––right now, even today––is the time to arise from the old way and wineskin of ministry, and to cross over the Jordan into a whole new season of possessing the Promised Land that God has been speaking of all along.*

***“You and all this people”****––take everyone with you … This is not just for the leadership of the church. Everyone must cross over.*

***“Into the land that I am giving to them, the children of Israel”****––the new ministry … The new wine skin … The Promised Land … is not for we the pastors and leaders. It is for the people. God has called THEM, and given THEM ministries and destinies that they must pursue and fulfill. That’s their promised land. Our promised land as leaders is to equip them and to see them fulfill their ministries. When they do… we do.*

*I don’t know how I know this, but TODAY is the day.*

*Monica sent a powerful word today with a subject line, “TODAY!!!” And the first line of her email says, “I would not normally ask you to listen to a message I recorded––but there is something I must share with each of you TODAY.”*

*Then Ty followed up* ***[in an email today]*** *with a prophetic message he had sent originally on May 4, and the beginning title of the message is, “Acceleration Today,” and then he shared many scriptures from Deuteronomy and Joshua that speak of “today.” …*

*… It also “just so happens” that TODAY is the third of three initial trainings to launch house churches for The Rock and Solid Lives.*

*“Something BIG is going down in the spirit TODAY … and (aloud through Siri) I declare in the name of Jesus Christ that I am crossing over … In fact, I declare that I have now crossed over in Jesus’ name! I am now possessing THE REAL Promised Land ... in THE land of milk and honey … The land which the Lord our God is giving us.”*

*As I type this and declare it aloud, I sense the Holy Spirit on this word as strongly as I have sensed any word, including the word in January 1999 to start a church.*

*Glory be to the Lord our God who is leading us and causing us to now possess the promised land, and to cause others to possess it for the glory of Jesus Christ!*

*I heard the Lord say this: “All of the miracles you’ve experienced so far were ‘wilderness miracles.’ And all of the ‘Promised Land miracles’ are still ahead of you.”*

So let’s look again at Joshua 1:2:

**Joshua 1:2 (NKJV)** “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them––the children of Israel.

**FOUR PARTS:**

1. ***“Moses my servant is dead”****––the way churches have done ministry in America is over… and it will never be the same again.*
   * *Since May 7, 2020 I’ve heard many experts confirm––such as David Kinnaman from Barna Group & Research and Thom Rainer, former president of Lifeway––that though campuses have and will open again, things will never be the same before.*
   * *Carey Nieuwhof said, “This is not merely an interruption … it’s a disruption.”*
   * *Roy Moran said concerning Covid-19 and its economic, political and social effects, “It’s not just a storm, or even a hurricane, this is a cataclysmic event.”*
   * *David Kinnaman said around October 2020 that based on their research, 20% of churches in America would be closed within 18 months.*
   * And these assessments continue to be confirmed as time goes on.
   * *BUT … it’s not all bad news! God new this was coming and He began to prepare us. He set us up to not only survive this season, but to thrive through it, and even to flourish.*
   * *Among other things, God began instructing me in January 2020 to “Start pushing the ministry of the church down into the homes.” I announced that publicly on February 6, over a month before Covid-19 was declared a pandemic.*
2. ***“Now therefore arise and go over this Jordan”****––Now––right now, even today — is the time to arise from the old way and wineskin of ministry, and to cross over the Jordan into a whole new season of possessing the Promised Land that God has been speaking of all along.*
   * *I knew that God was telling me that I had to completely let go of the past season, and to begin working only on the future –– the Promised Land.*
   * *He was calling me to––in my heart––cross over that day!*
3. ***“You and all this people”****––take everyone with you … This is not just for the leadership of the church. Everyone must cross over.*
   * *Some of you have already crossed over with me, but for those who haven’t, TODAY is your day to do that in your heart!* ***It’s time to cross over and believe that God has something FOR YOU in this new season. He has the fulfillment of His promises for you.***
4. ***“Into the land that I am giving to them, the children of Israel”****––the new ministry … The new wine skin … The Promised Land … is not for we the pastors and leaders. It is for the people. God has called THEM, and given THEM ministries and destinies that they must pursue and fulfill. That’s their promised land. Our promised land as leaders is to equip them and to see them fulfill their ministries. When they do … we do.*
   * *My job as Joshua––and our job as leader––is to HELP YOU cross over in your faith and to believe to the point of action that God has something FOR YOU … and for US together!*

**THE FIRST GENERATION OUT OF EGYPT NEVER CROSSED OVER IN THEIR HEARTS. IN FACT, THEY KEPT THINKING ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS IN EGYPT … FORGETTING THAT THEY WERE MISTREATED SLAVES.**

**FOR JOSHUA AND THE 2ND GENERATION OF ISRAEL, THEY HAD TO CROSS OVER FIRST IN THEIR HEARTS … BUT ONCE THEY DID, THE TIME CAME––THE KAIROS MOMENT … THE OPPORTUNE TIME––TO ACTUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CROSS OVER.**

**I WANT TO SAY TO ALL OF OUR MINISTRY FAMILY, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS…**

**IT’S TIME TO CROSS OVER**

**John 15:1–2 (NKJV)** “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

**JESUS SAID, EVERY BRANCH THAT BEARS FRUIT, THE FATHER PRUNES … AND THAT HE PRUNES FOR AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE … TO BEAR EVEN MORE FRUIT.**

**THE TRUTH IS, IF THE BRANCH IS NOT PRUNED, IT IS LIKELY TO BEAR LESS FRUIT THAN BEFORE … BUT IF SOME OF THE FORMER THINGS WHICH BORE FRUIT CAN NOW BE REMOVED … THAT BRANCH WILL BEAR MORE FRUIT.**

**LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE WITH THE ROCK, THE CHURCH KIMBERLY AND I OPENED IN 2000:**

* **BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, WE HAD 18 CONGREGATIONS WHOSE MINISTRIES WERE ALMOST COMPLETELY ON CAMPUSES. BUT ONCE COVID HIT … ALL THE CAMPUSES WERE CLOSED … PRUNED … AND ONLINE MINISTRY BURSTED FORTH WITH VIGOR. THAT NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THAT TEMPORARY PRUNING.**
* **THEN … ON MAY 31 … A WHOLE NEW BRANCH OF MINISTRY SPRUNG FORTH … HOUSE CHURCHES … AND BETWEEN THE ROCK AND SOLID LIVES, THERE ARE ABOUT 200 INCLUDING CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED**
* **THEN … OUR CAMPUSES SERVICES ARE OPENING BACK UP … SOME STILL OUTSIDE**
* **SO NOW … BECAUSE OF THE PRUNING … THE ROCK HAS THREE MAJOR BRANCHES OF MINISTRY … ONLINE MINISTRY … HOUSE CHURCHES … AND CAMPUS MINISTRY. ONLY FATHER GOD COULD HAVE DONE THAT!**
* **AND NOW … BBST––BASIC BFAM STRATEGY TRAINING––HAS LAUNCHED … AND IS NOW BRINGING LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING TO HOW ALL OF THESE WORK TOGETHER**
  + **IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR A BBST, YOU CAN DO SO THROUGH THE MINISTRY APP … OR ON THE WEBSITE ON YOUR SCREEN ... LOOK FOR BFAM STRATEGY TRAINING.**
* **SO NOW IT’S TIME TO CROSS OVER.**
* **LET ME GIVE YOU ANOTHER PRAISE REPORT. ABOUT 4.5 YEARS AGO WE BEGAN TO SENSE THAT A TIME LIKE THIS WOULD COME … THAT THERE WOULD BE A “KAIROS MOMENT” … ESPECIALLY WITH REGARDS TO OUR CHURCH CAMPUSES. UNTIL NOW, WE HAVE BEEN LEASING THE BUILDINGS ON OUR LARGEST CAMPUSES, OUR ORANGETHORPE CAMPUS, BUT WE SENSED THERE WOULD BE A “CROSSING OVER” TIME. SO WE BEGAN ALIGNING ALL OF OUR LEASE RENEWALS TO EXPIRE ON THE SAME DAY. AND THAT DAY IS JULY 31, 2021.**
* **AS WE HAVE PRAYED AND SOUGHT THE LORD … AND NOT WANTING TO MAKE A PREMATURE DECISION … WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT GOD WANTS US TO TRANSITION FROM USING THE FIVE BUILDINGS ON THE ORANGETHORPE CAMPUS TO USING THREE BUILDINGS ON TWO DIFFERENT ANAHEIM CAMPUSES.**
* **SO HERE’S THE PLAN…**
  + **WE’VE ALREADY DIVIDED THE U.S. UP INTO SEVEN REGIONS**
  + **WE’RE NOW INSTALLING CITY PASTORS FOR EACH CITY**
  + **IN EACH CITY THERE WILL BE:**
    1. **MANY ONLINE MINISTRIES––INCLUDING SOME OF YOU**
    2. **HOUSE CHURCHES**
    3. **AND, IN SOME, CAMPUS MINISTRY**
  + **WE’RE NOW FINALIZING DEALS FOR TWO OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE ORANGETHORPE CAMPUSES TO EXTEND THE LEASE AND PURCHASE THE BUILDINGS … THE WORD CENTER AND THE YOUTH CENTER.**
  + **WE’RE THEN GOING TO RENOVATE THESE TWO BUILDINGS TO SERVE US IN A WHOLE NEW SEASON**
    1. **WORD CENTER**
    2. **YOUTH CENTER**
       - **SET UP FOR MINISTRY ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
  + **WE’RE ALSO GOING TO RENOVATE OUR ANAHEIM WEST CAMPUS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE**
  + **HOWEVER, IN THE PROCESS, WE’LL NEED TO KEEP OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE CONTRACTS OF THE OTHER THREE BUILDINGS AND RESTORE THEM TO THEIR ORIGINAL STATE.**
  + **WHILE ALL THIS IS HAPPENING, WE ARE DEVELOPING AND BUILDING OPERATION BFAM … THE NEW VISION GOD HAS GIVEN BOTH THE ROCK AND SOLID LIVES**
  + **MY JOB IS TO BE A JOSHUA … TO GET YOU ACROSS THE JORDAN AND TO HELP YOU INHERIT THE LAND … THE MINISTRY … THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR CALLING FROM GOD…**
  + **I’M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO EXECUTE THIS PLAN. HERE’S WHAT I’M ASKING:**
    1. **TO JOIN A BBST TRAINING SOON. THIS WILL HELP YOU TO SEE HOW GOD IS LEADING US TO REACH MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER BEFORE**
    2. **TO PRAY ABOUT WHAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO … ONLINE MINISTRY … A HOUSE CHURCH … CAMPUS MINISTRY…**
    3. **TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT FINANCIALLY––ABOVE THE TITHE**
       - **THE ROCK – “HEART FOR THE HARVEST”**
       - **SOLID LIVES – “OPERATION BFAM”**
  + **IT’S TIME TO CROSS OVER NOW … SO WE’RE GOING TO BE MOVING ON THESE STEPS RIGHT AWAY.**

**EX – 2004 START OVER STORY**