

Walking into Your Destiny

Joshua 1:1-8

Introduction

While God will often put your destiny within your grasp, He won't necessarily put it in your hand. There are certain things that you must do if you are going to reach your destiny. First, leave the past behind (vs. 1-2). In this passage, Moses was dead and God told Joshua to keep going. You can't live in the past if you are going to reach your destiny. Learn from the past. Don't live in it.

Second, seize your inheritance (vs. 2-4). God was only going to give Joshua land that Joshua walked on. Sometimes you've got the responsibility to move, not just to stand still. In 1 Tim 6.12, Timothy is told to "seize eternal life". Even though he was already saved, Paul encouraged Timothy to grab the life that God was making available to him.

Third, focus on God not on people (vs. 6-7). God told Joshua that people were not going to be able to keep him from his inheritance. Don't let the fact that people are trying to block you or seem more powerful than you stop you from moving forward. As you walk forward in God's will, He will fight your battles against your opposition.

Lastly, stay tightly tied to God's Word (vs. 7-8). God says, ... "don't turn to the right or the left of my word". Many people today want to add or take away from God's Word. People must understand that when we do this, we cancel its effects in our lives. Operate in the divine lines of God's revealed Word, and He will allow us to see His specific guidance regarding our particular destiny.

During his lifetime, all Joshua had was the first five books of the Old Testament. He didn't even have what we would consider the whole Bible! God wanted Joshua to know that if he walked in the light of what God had revealed, God would be faithful to provide the specifics to Joshua's life as he went along. He will do the same for us as well as we seek His Word, and commit to obey Him.

Getting Started

1. We spent the fall season discussing the concept of destiny. How has the study on destiny affected you? Made you excited and hopeful? Left you with questions or concerns?
2. Destiny requires action on our part. Have there been opportunities that your actions have activated? Are there opportunities you have missed because of your lack of activity?

Let's Get Personal

1. Are there places in your life where you are standing still? What actions does God require of you? How do you need to get engaged in the process of developing your own destiny?
2. Have you been overly focused on people in your life? How has this affected your ability to walk in your destiny?

Take the Next Step

1. Take time to write down God's revealed Word to you. What has God been telling you about your life based on what you've heard during the Destiny series or studied in your personal time with Him?
2. How has God been faithful to provide specific directions in your life?

Renew Your Mind

"Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called..." 1 Timothy 6:12
