

## **Be Strong and of good Courage.**

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Why do we want to live in an 'ouch-less spiritual delivery room' if a mother experiences travail and pain before the birth of her child? The conviction of sin is necessary to fortify our faith and obedience to Him to be His witnesses.

Let us turn to the historic record when Joshua and his people crossed the River Jordan. *“And Moses called unto Joshua, and said ... in the sight of all Israel, **Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed**”* Deuteronomy 31:7-8.

**God's Law:** To lead and inherit the Land, *“the priests bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord”* Deuteronomy 31:9.

**God's Promise:** *“with thee withersoever thou go”* Joshua 1:9.

**God's Procedure:** only for the priests: *“Take up the Ark of the Covenant and pass over before the people”* Joshua 3:6.

**God's Purpose:** *“the priests that bare the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan”* Joshua 3:17.

**Commission** to Joshua, was the same as the promise the Lord Jesus gave to His disciples to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth (Mark 16:15) **including us also!**