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LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

Think back to the days after you were first enlightened and understood who Jesus was...³⁴ Remember how you had compassion for those in prison and how you cheerfully accepted the seizure of your possessions...³⁵ Remember and do not abandon your confidence, which will lead to rich rewards.³⁶ Simply endure, for when you have done as God requires of you, you will receive the promise. Hebrews 10:32-35 (VOICE)

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us strength to go on. Romans 15:4 (NIRV)

4 “MUSTS” FOR LOOKING BACK IN A WAY THAT MOVES ME FORWARD

1. _____ - I must look at and learn from my past.

Moses served the Eternal One faithfully until the end of his days. After his death, the Eternal singled out Joshua, the son of Nun, who had walked at the right hand of Moses during the wilderness wanderings.² My servant Moses is now dead; you and the Israelites must prepare to cross over the Jordan River to enter the land I have given you. Joshua 1:1-2 (VOICE)

So watch what you do! Be careful with your very life! Don't forget the things you saw with your own eyes, and don't let them fade from your memory. Remember them your whole life; teach them to your children and your grandchildren. Deuteronomy 4:9 (VOICE)

- Reflect and _____ - What did I do _____?
- Reflect and _____ - What did I do _____?

2. _____ - I must have confidence about the future

I will give you every place you walk, wherever your feet touch, just as I promised Moses.⁴ From the southern deserts to the northern mountains in Lebanon, from the great Euphrates River in the east—including all the land of the Hittites—to the great Mediterranean Sea in the west, all of it is yours.⁵ No one will be able to oppose you for as long as you live. I will be with you just as I was with Moses, and I will never fail or abandon you.⁶ So be strong and courageous, for you will lead this people as they acquire and then divide the land I promised to their ancestors. Joshua 1:3-6 (VOICE)

- I need words of reassurance from _____.
- I need words of reassurance from God's _____.

So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (MP)

3. _____ - I must actively respond to God's call.

Always be strong and courageous, and always live by all of the law I gave to my servant Moses, never turning from it—even ever so slightly—so that you may succeed wherever you go. So be strong and courageous, for you will lead this people as they acquire and then divide the land I promised to their ancestors.⁷ Always be strong and courageous, and always live by all of the law I gave to my servant Moses, never turning from it—even ever so slightly—so that you may succeed wherever you go.⁸ Let the words from the book of the law be always on your lips. Meditate on them day and night so that you may be careful to live by all that is written in it. If you do, as you make your way through this world, you will prosper and always find success.⁹ This is My command: be strong and courageous. Never be afraid or discouraged because I am your God, the Eternal One, and I will remain with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:6-9 (VOICE)

- I recommit to having _____.
- I recommit to having _____.

4. _____ - I must connect with my leader and group.

When Joshua had heard God's commands, he gathered the leaders of the people of Israel and gave them their instructions.¹¹ Go through the camp and tell your people, "Gather whatever you need... in three days you will pass over ...into the land ...your God, has given you.... Soon it will be ours."¹² Then Joshua spoke to the leaders of Reuben and Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh.¹³ Remember what Moses...told you: "...Your God, is making a place for you to settle and will give you this land as your own."¹⁴ Your wives, your children, and your livestock will stay on this side of the Jordan in this land.... But all of you who can fight must lead your brothers in battle formation over the Jordan and help them¹⁵ ... Fight with them until they, too, occupy the land your God, the Eternal One, is setting aside for them. Then you may cross the Jordan again and return to this land that Moses, His servant, has given you east of the Jordan and live here.¹⁶ We will do all you have commanded, and we will go wherever you send us.¹⁷ We will follow your orders just as we obeyed Moses in all he told us. May the Eternal One, your God, be with you as He was with Moses.¹⁸ Anybody who rebels against or disobeys your words—all you command—will be put to death. Always be strong and courageous! Joshua 1:10-16 (VOICE)