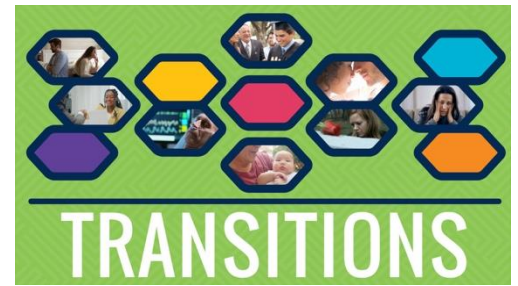


DAILY READING PLAN



Week of September 18, 2022
Transitions: Moses to Joshua
Deuteronomy 31:1-13

Day #1 – Read Deuteronomy 31:1-2 / *When Moses had finished giving these instructions to all the people of Israel, he said, “I am now 120 years old, and I am no longer able to lead you. The Lord has told me, ‘You will not cross the Jordan River.’*

The Israelites had grown dependent upon Moses’ leadership, and now they learn that he will no longer lead them forward. Can you imagine their sense of fear and uncertainty? How do you tend to respond to big changes that you didn’t initiate?

Day #2 – Read Deuteronomy 31:3-6 / *But the Lord your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy the nations living there, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua will lead you across the river, just as the Lord promised. “The Lord will destroy the nations living in the land, just as he destroyed Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites. The Lord will hand over to you the people who live there, and you must deal with them as I have commanded you. So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”*

These can be troubling verses, especially if we believe that God orchestrated the destruction of entire nations. But let’s think about this metaphorically. When has God removed obstacles and barriers in your life? What obstacles and barriers might God need to remove in your future?

Day #3 – Read Deuteronomy 31:7-8 | *Then Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, “Be strong and courageous! For you will lead these people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors he would give them. You are the one who will divide it among them as their grants of land. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.”*

Joshua was now the leader that God called to lead the Israelites forward. What a task! No wonder Moses encouraged Joshua to be “strong and courageous”! We don’t yet know who God is calling to lead at Prince of Peace, but let’s begin now to pray that God will fill them with strength and courage.

Day #4 – Read Deuteronomy 31:9-11 | *So Moses wrote this entire body of instruction in a book and gave it to the priests, who carried the Ark of the Lord's Covenant, and to the elders of Israel. Then Moses gave them this command: "At the end of every seventh year, the Year of Release, during the Festival of Shelters, you must read this Book of Instruction to all the people of Israel when they assemble before the Lord your God at the place he chooses.*

Moses called the people to hear and obey God's instructions read every seven years. Why? Because it reminded the people that God loved them enough to give them guidance to bless their lives. How are you staying rooted and grounded in God's Word during this season of change?

Day #5 – Read Deuteronomy 31:12-13 | *Call them all together—men, women, children, and the foreigners living in your towns—so they may hear this Book of Instruction and learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully obey all the terms of these instructions. Do this so that your children who have not known these instructions will hear them and will learn to fear the Lord your God. Do this as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy."*

Moses commanded the people to share God's Word with the children in their lives. The children in our lives will experience so many changes throughout their lives. Now is a great time to talk with them about the changes we're experiencing and instill in them a deep trust that God journeys with them no matter what life throws at them. With whom can you do that?