



Sunday 27 January 2013

TAKE COURAGE FOR THE JOURNEY



OVERVIEW

- Scriptures
 - Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14
 - John 16:33
 - Genesis 15:1-7
- A quick review
- The journey
- Take courage

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? ² When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.

¹³ I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.

SCRIPTURES

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying,

“Do not fear, Abram,
I am a shield to you;
Your reward shall be very great.”

² Abram said, “O Lord God, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.” ⁴ Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.” ⁵ And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A QUICK REVIEW

- We must press on
 - deliberately
 - choose to press on with Him
 - extinguish disappointment
 - only antidote to becoming dull
 - His promises light the way
 - He has chosen gladly to give us the kingdom! (Luke 12:32)

A QUICK REVIEW

- Fasting
 - Is a NT principle
 - Not convincing God or earning it from Him
 - Affects us more than it affects God
 - in history, breakthrough often involved fasting

THE JOURNEY

- We are called on a journey
 - Follow, walk with God
 - starting point, destination
 - episode by episode
- Come to KNOW Him
 - therefore believe Him
 - therefore are unshakeable concerning Him and His ways

TAKE COURAGE

- The journey requires courage
 - We are opposed
 - In the face of the impossible
 - The only thing that can stop us is our choice
- So God says 'take courage'
 - The source of courage: Him
 - We must take courage

