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STEPPING INTO OUR FUTURE
GOD'S WORK MUST GO ON | JOSHUA 1
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"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

We are One people, serving One God, with One mission, awaiting One future.

God's mission is bigger than us.

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel." - Joshua 1:1-2

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." - Matthew 16:18

Healthy churches celebrate what God has done while believing He is not finished yet.

God's mission is for the church of today.

"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you." - Joshua 1:2-5

God's mission will require courage and confidence.

"Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:6-9

Church Adoption is the act of legally and permanently bringing someone into a family as one's own, granting them the same rights, privileges, love, care, and belonging as every original member of LBC.

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Key Biblical Ideas Connected to Adoption

- Belonging
- Identity
- Love
- Inheritance
- Unity
- Permanence

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. - Ephesians 2:19

What Adoption Means

- We become one family of faith.
- We share one identity and one name.
- We have equal standing within the church family.
- We are one church with multiple sites, not separate churches.

God's mission must continue for all to find rest in Christ.

Remember the word that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' ¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, ¹⁵ until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise. - Joshua 1:13-15

The word rest means:

- Peace with God
- Freedom from striving for salvation
- Forgiveness
- Security
- Belonging
- Eternal inheritance

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