



## ***28. Don't Stay Behind***

Listen to God's Word from Joshua 1:9, "*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*"

Here's some solid food ... some meat: As God was with Joshua, He will be with you. The principle applies. Joshua knew exactly what to do. That's very important. The Lord told him, "*Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel,*" Those clear instructions are in Joshua 1:2. The land was vast and the enemy was many ... but the Lord promised Joshua, "*Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not*

*fail you or forsake you.*” And the Lord encouraged him four times, *“Be strong and courageous ... Be strong and courageous ... Only be strong and very courageous ... Be strong and courageous!”* Those are in Deuteronomy 31 and Joshua 1.

So here’s my question to you, *has the Lord told you to take some new land?* Has He made His will perfectly clear? If you are sure, really sure, of His will, then go on ... take the land. If you are in His will, He will be with you. Do not be afraid. He won’t fail you or forsake you as you press on into new territory. *“Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* Do not be afraid to move on when God says move on ... rather, be afraid to stay behind.