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Theme: Momentum

Ref: Joshua 4: 1-9

Introduction

Momentum is a force that is gained by movement.

After all people had closed Jordan, God asked Joshua to choose 12 men, from each tribe. They were to pick twelve stones from where the priest stood and carry them to where they were to lodge that night. The stones were to serve as a memorial for the children of Israel on how the waters of the river of Jordan were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant.

A few thoughts on maintaining our momentum as Christians:

1. Do not forget

When you have had God's victory, it's important to pause and remember. Reflect on the things you learn from God in services such as our Sunday services. It is a way to evangelize. The memorial is to remind people that the Hand of God is still powerful.

2. Today's encounter is tomorrow's episode

When you hear from God, and feel that you want to stay in the power of this message, it is your turn to do something. Seek God's counsel and get to know what you can actually do. If it's a habit that you need to break, it takes a habit to break a habit. We can read the Bible more, for instance, and refer to social media less - we all have the power of choice; but choices can have power over us. It's important to make choices that propel you to greater fruitfulness in Christ.

3. Don't stop on six

Consider the Israelites having to quietly go round the wall of Jericho six times, and only shout on the seventh? Do not stop at six. Do not be complacent. Encountering God does not guarantee "a happily ever after." In some occasions, Israel was defeated in "lesser" battles. They would face a battle with a weaker enemy, but God did not want them to have an easy win and lose their confidence. Even when you feel that you can sail all by yourself, do not be overconfident. Pray and seek God. Then you can experience the promise in Joshua (6:2)

We need to be courageous. Joshua (1:9) encourages us to be courageous.

4. Our comfort zones can become our danger zones

In our spiritual slumber, seasons can easily turn into seasons of compromise and complacency. We can learn from Joshua's victories and losses. God can redirect us back to victory.

Conclusion

1. Slow down. Take a moment and remember or reflect on God's faithfulness. Post something and encourage someone. You're slowing down on the pace to focus on and connect with Jesus.

2. Get beneath the surface. Consider an iceberg. Make no mistake on its tip. It can be much larger. Getting deeper with Christ could be more than we see with our eyes. We should not just focus on what's above the surface. Seek the indulgence of the Holy Spirit.

3. Anchor in God's love. Do not pull your anchor up. Think about what you can do to improve. 2 Corinthians (12:9). Boast in your weaknesses and leave them to God. His grace is sufficient for you. His grace is made perfect in our weaknesses.

Keep the momentum.

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