

# Joshua

The Story of  
The Promise-Keeping God



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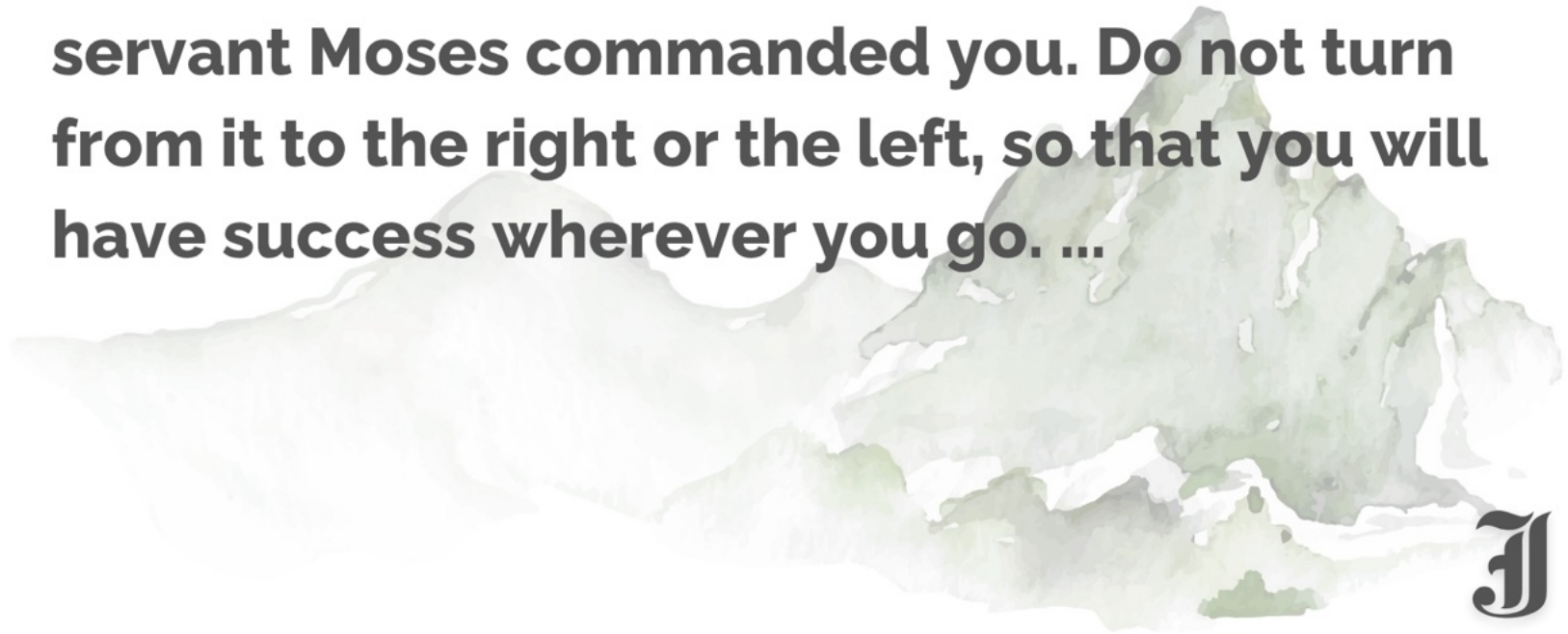
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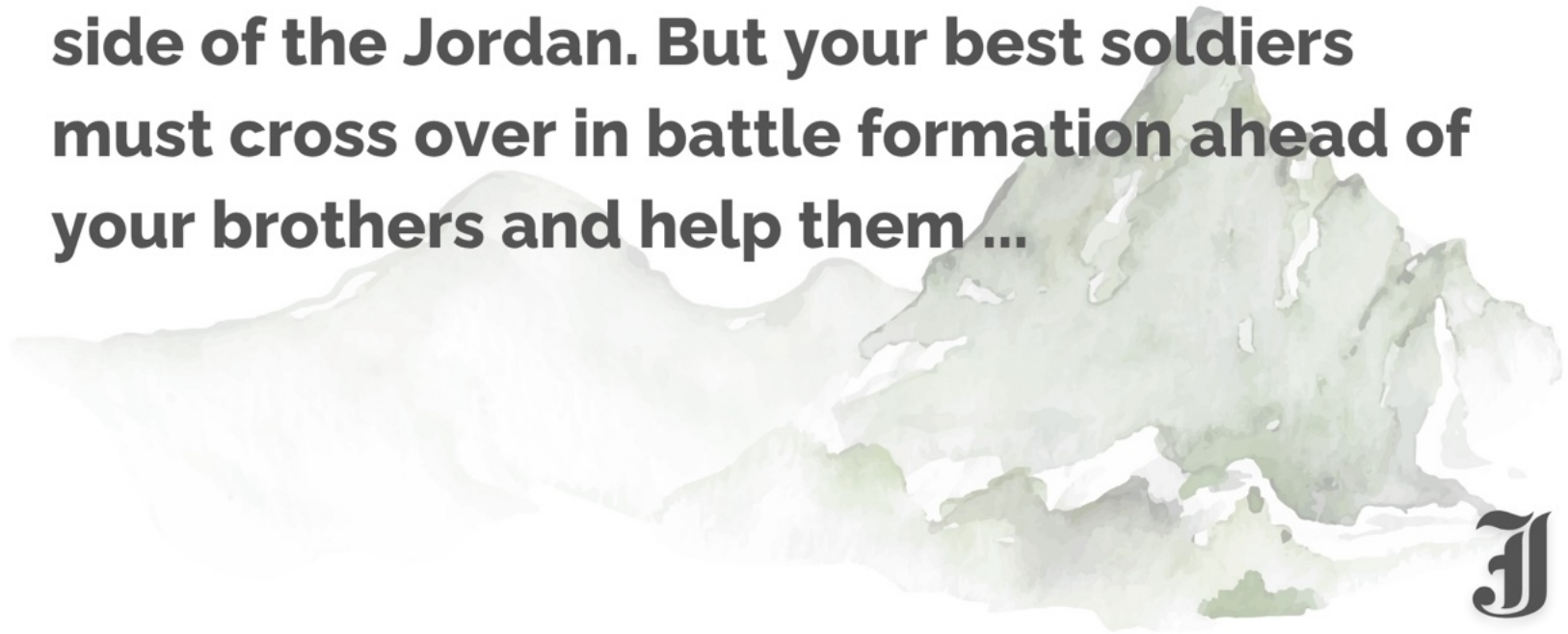
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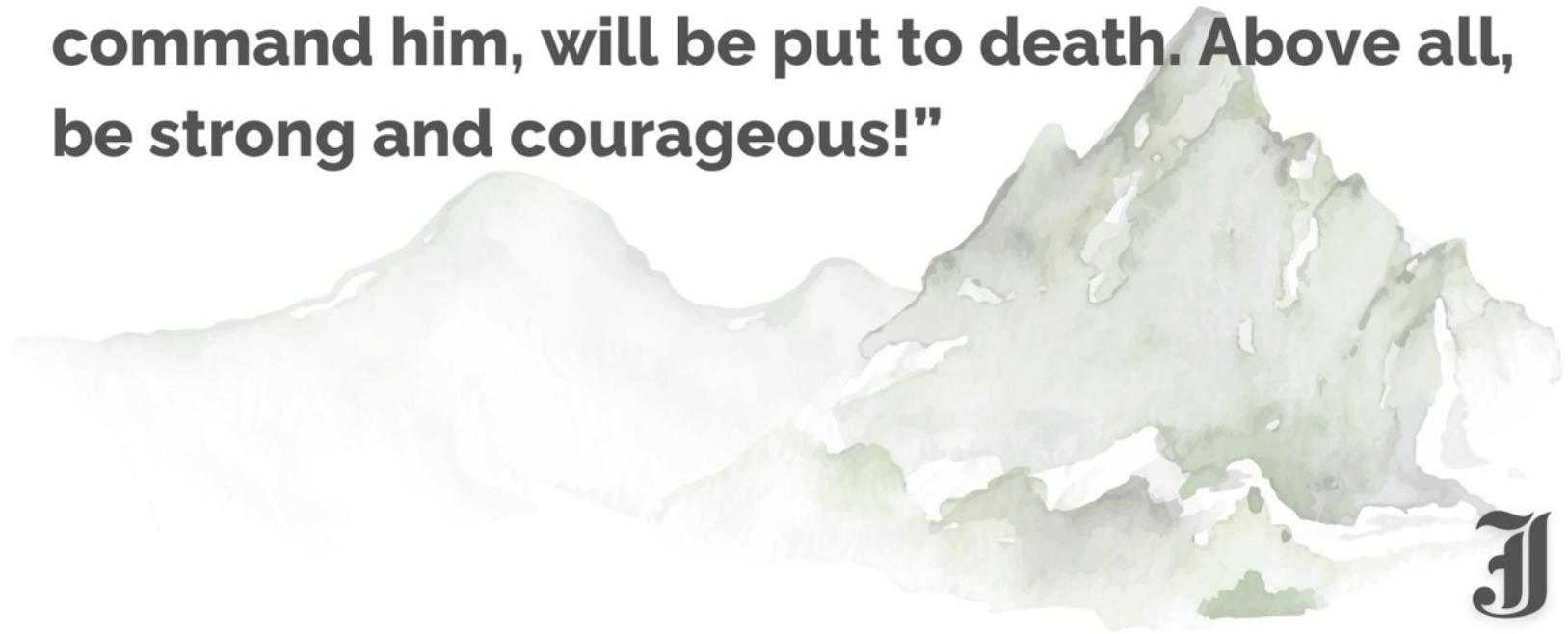
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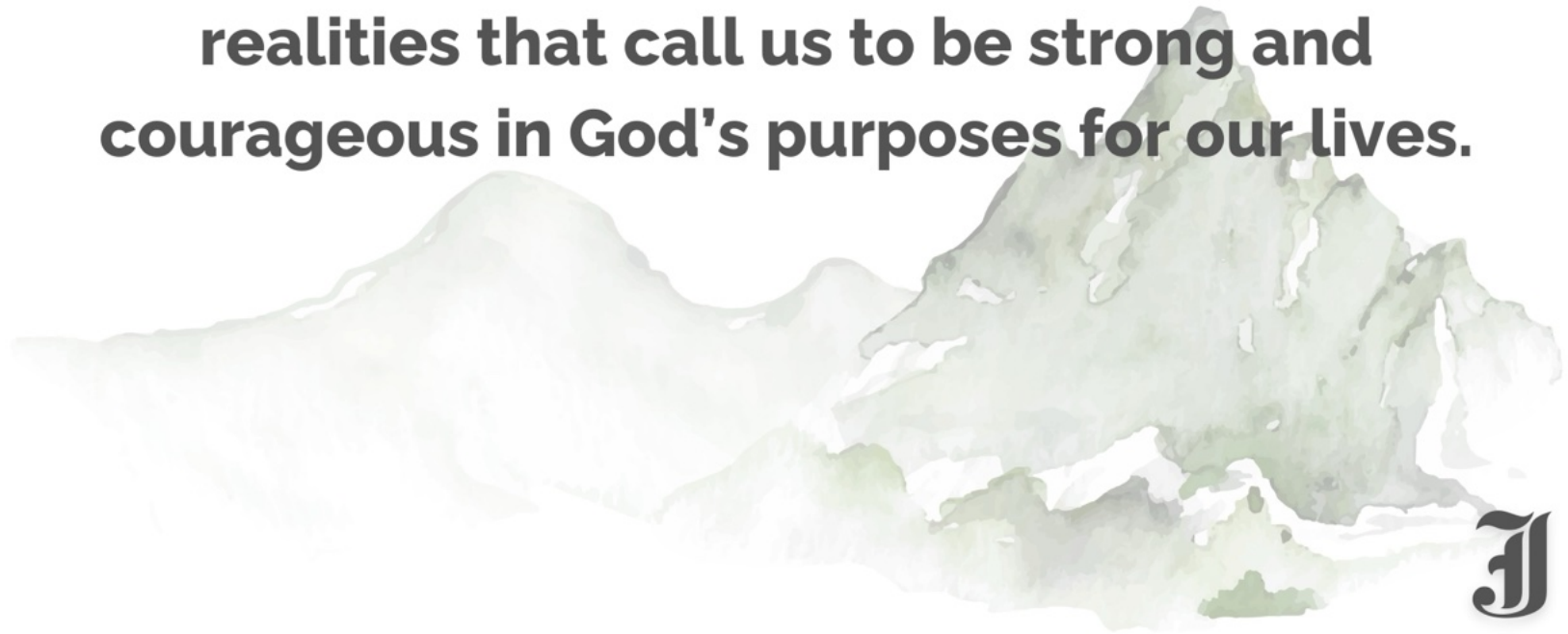
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## **Joshua 1:1-18**

**Chapter 1 divides into two sections:**

**1. Verses 1-9: God speaks to and commissions Joshua.**

**2. Verses 10-18: Joshua speaks to and prepares God's people.**





## **Joshua 1:1-9**

### **Two Parts:**

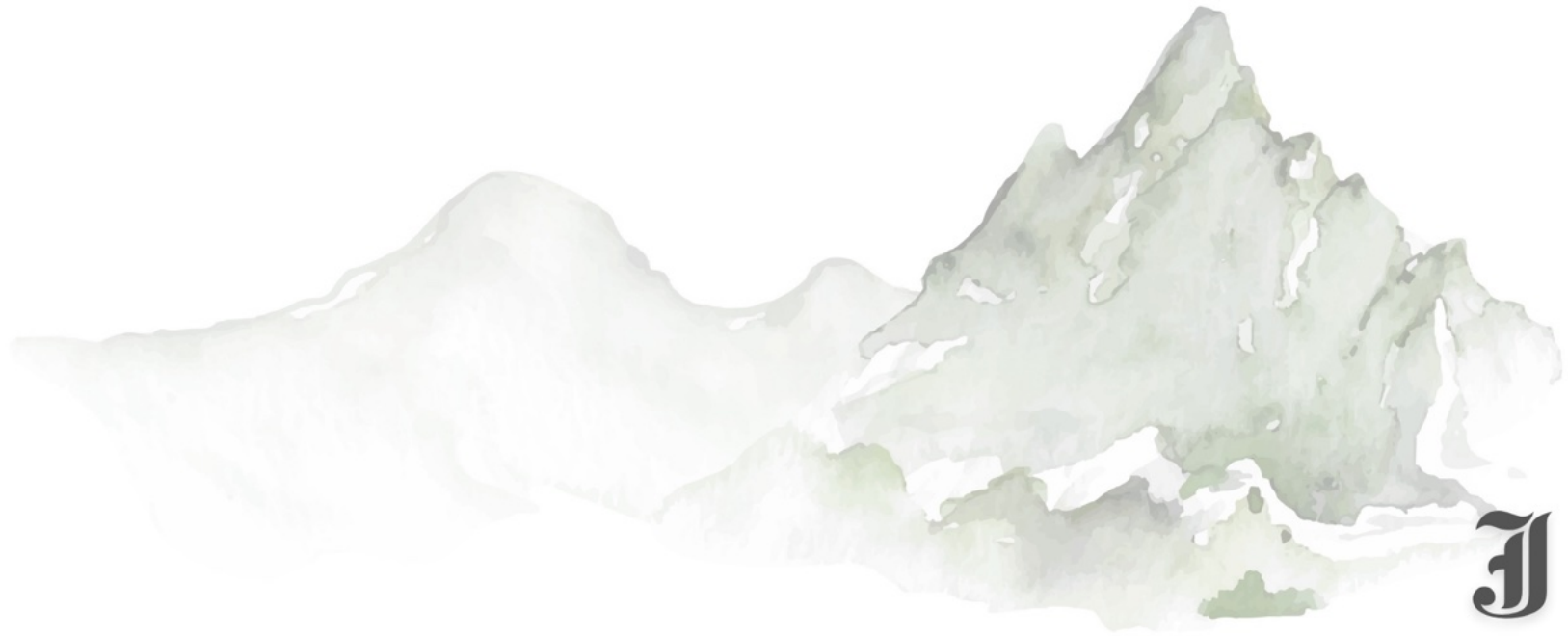
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- 2. Verses 5b-9 – The Encouragement**



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**Verses 2-5 give a kind of table of contents for the book.**



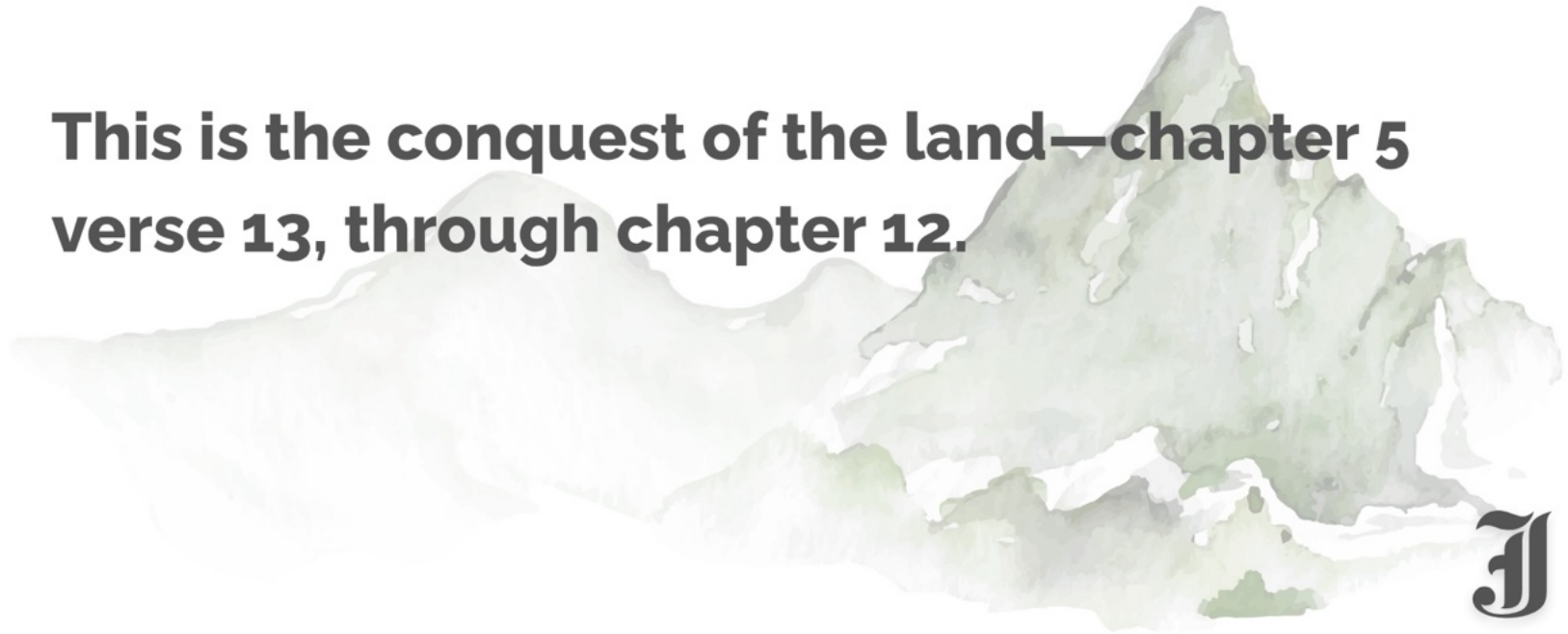
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**This is the preparation to and the crossing over of the Jordan—chapter 1, through chapter 5:12.**



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**This is the conquest of the land—chapter 5 verse 13, through chapter 12.**



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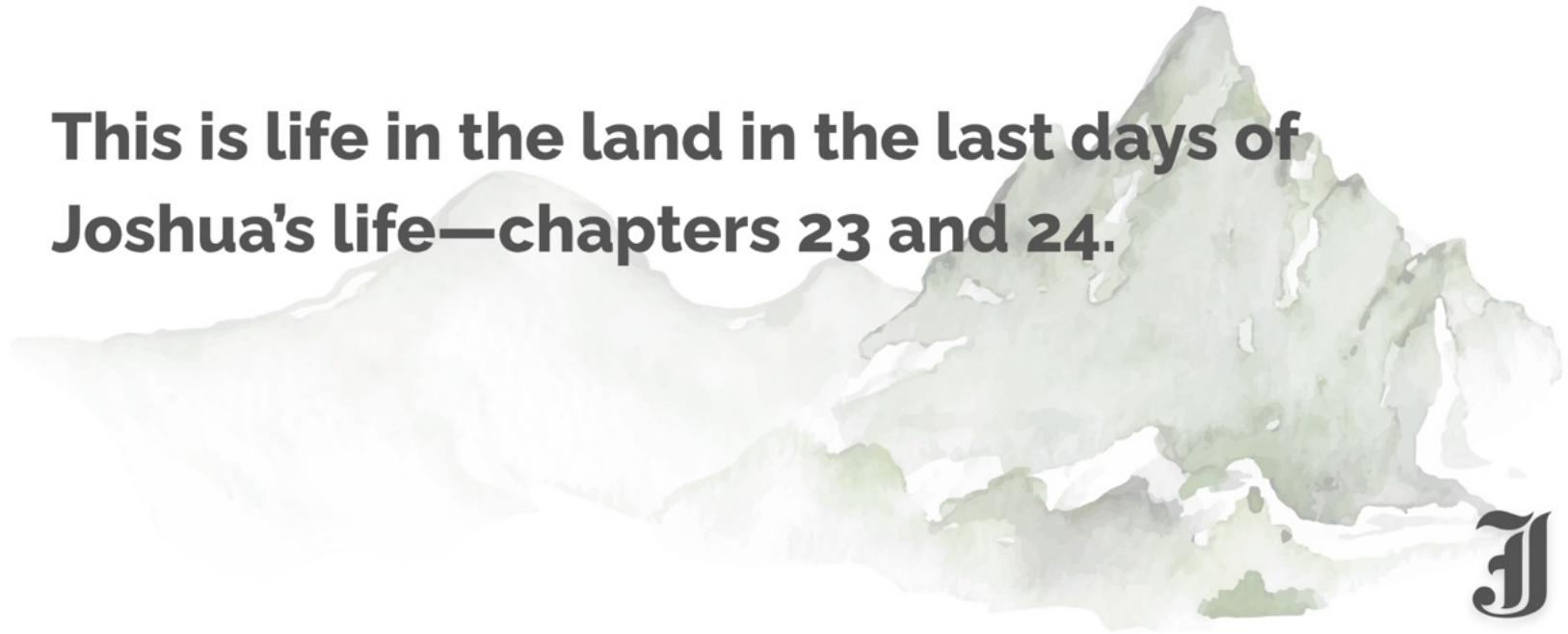
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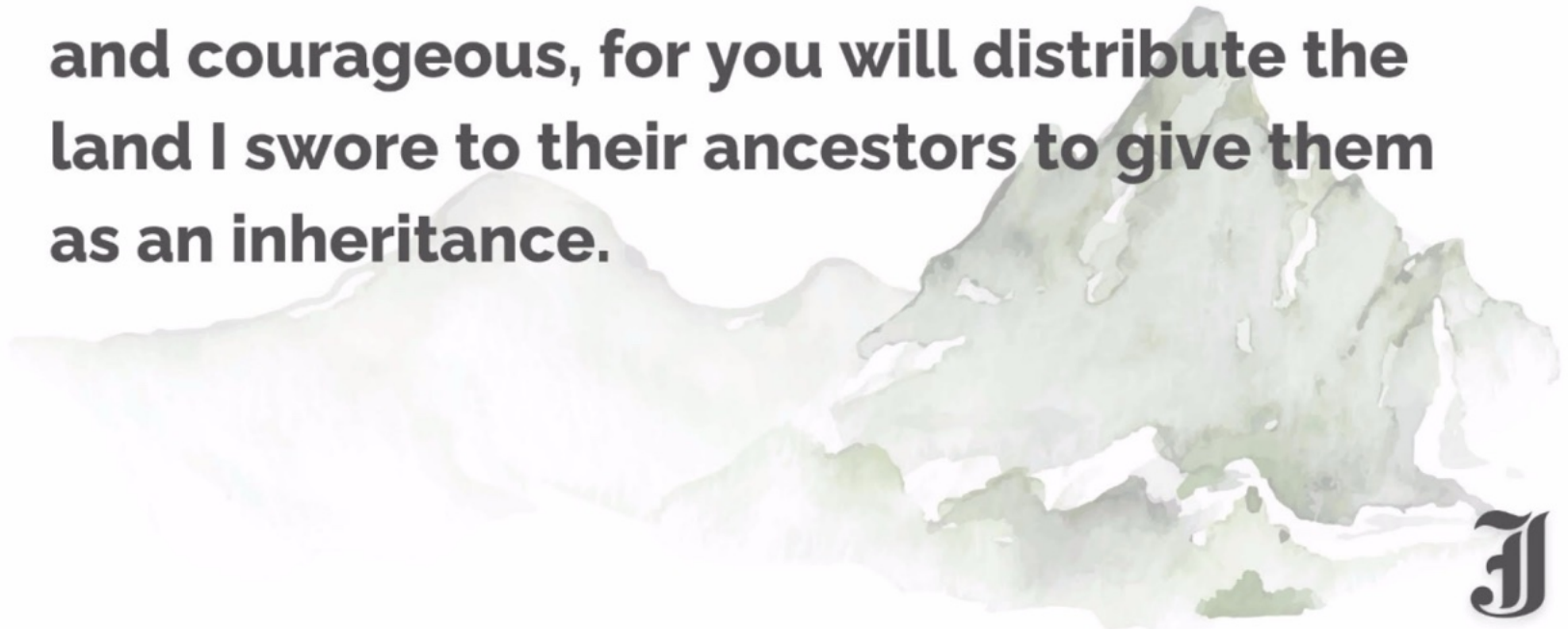


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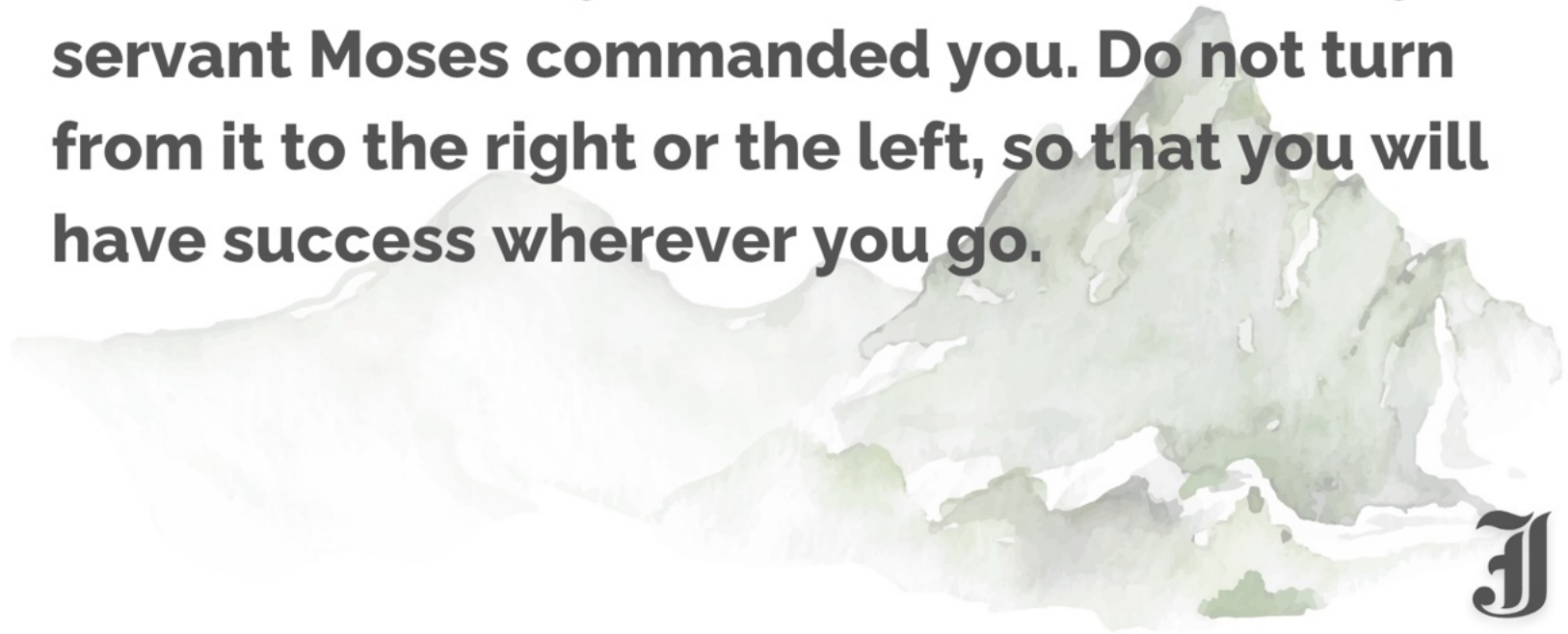
**This is life in the land in the last days of Joshua's life—chapters 23 and 24.**



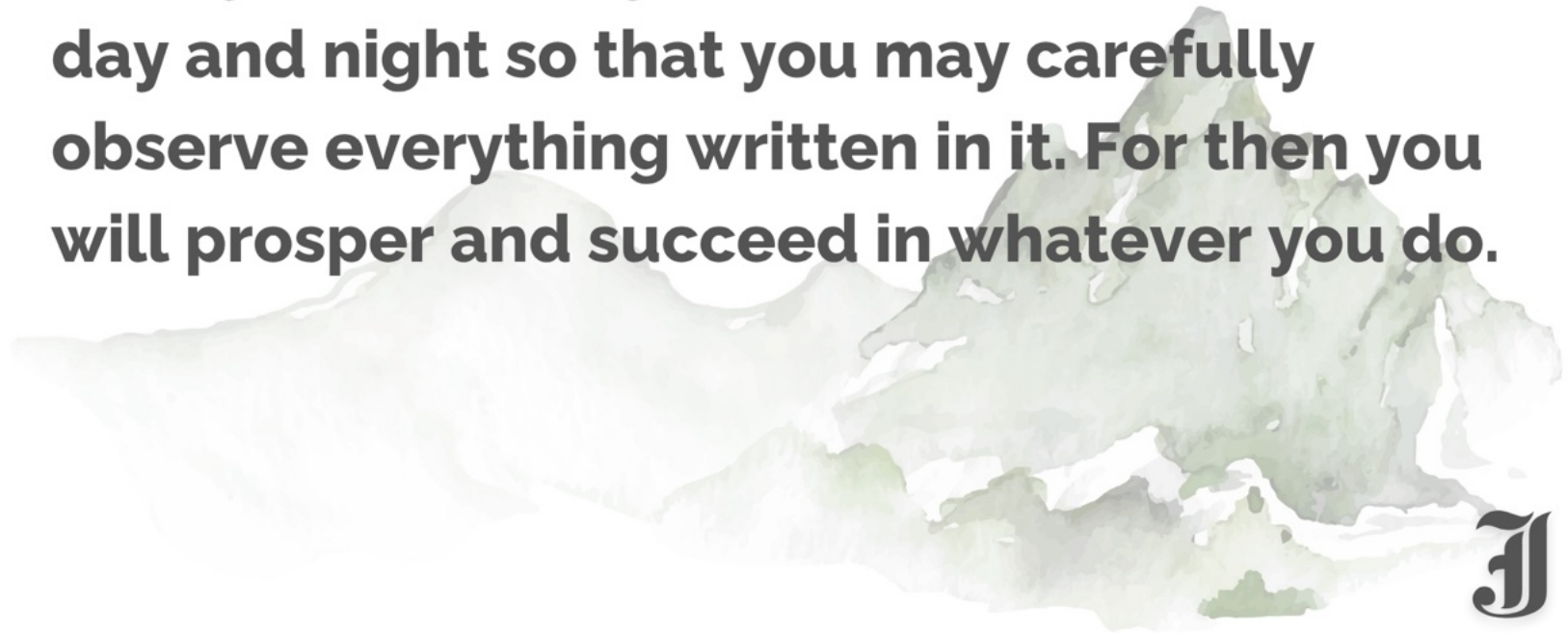
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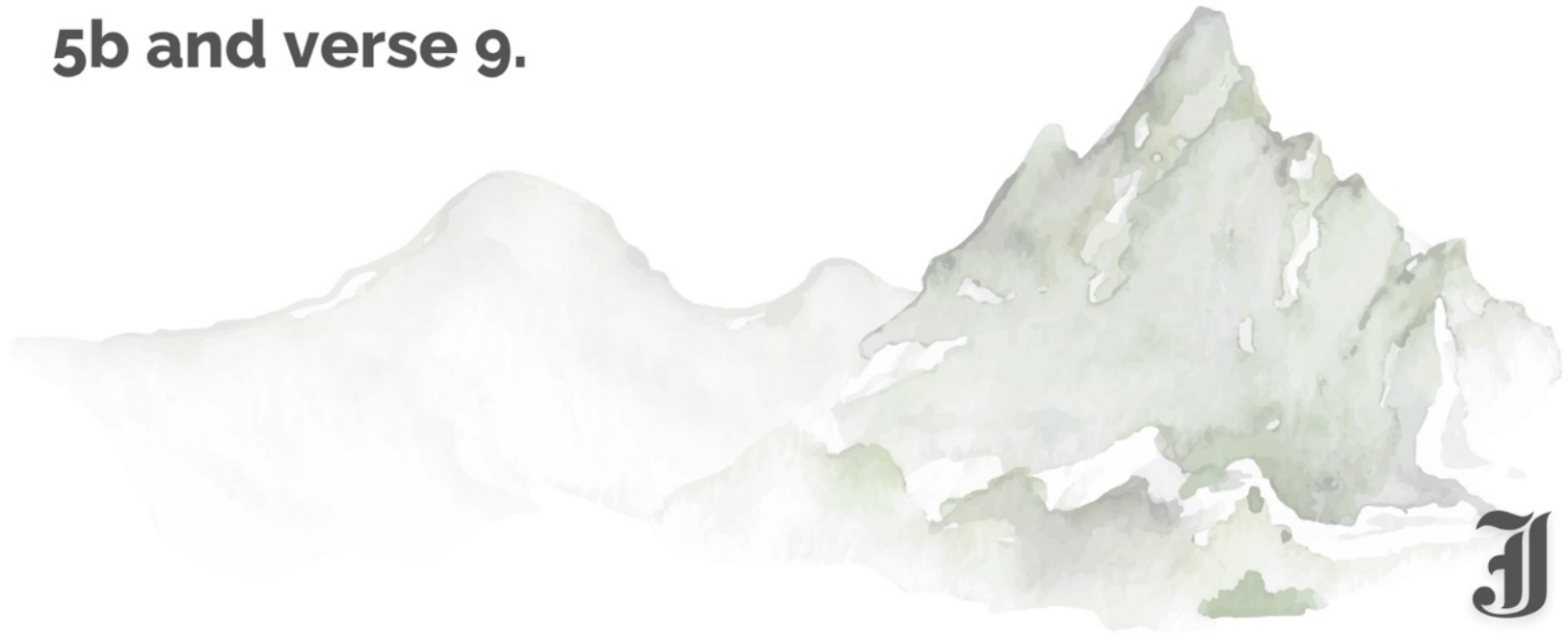
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**There's an intentional design to these verses:  
they're bracketed by God's presence in verse  
5b and verse 9.**





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**1. Verses 10-15 – The Charge**

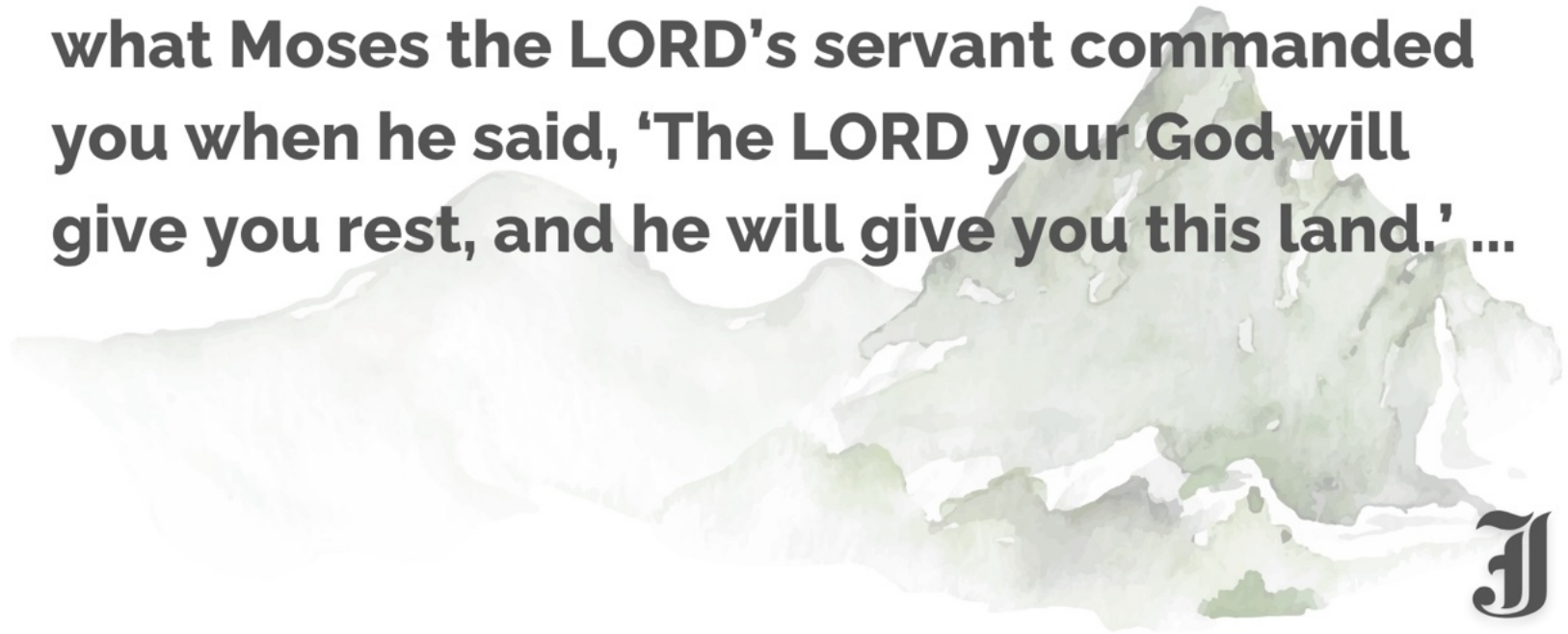
**2. Verses 16-18 – The Encouragement**



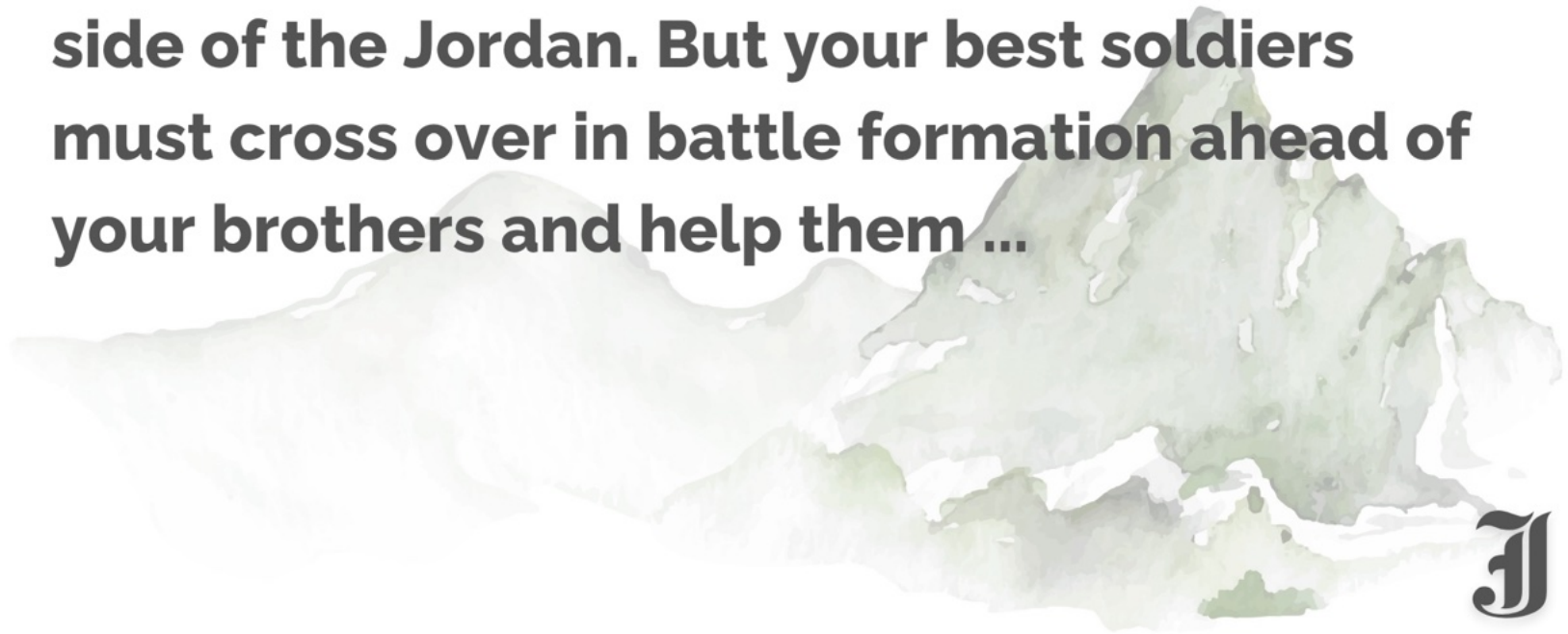
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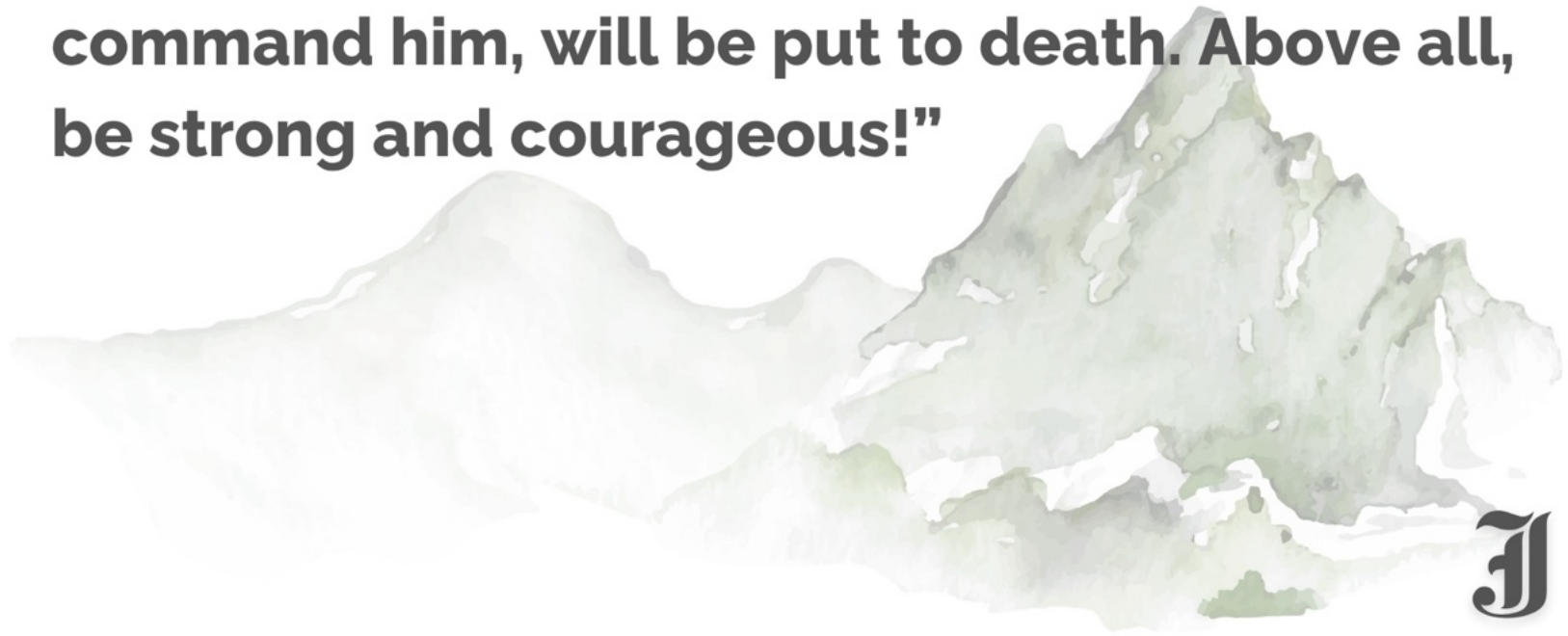


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## **GOD'S PROMISES (v.6)**

***God's promises embolden us to be strong and courageous.***

**“Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their ancestors to give them as an inheritance.” – Joshua 1:6**



**If God's promises are to embolden us, we must:**

**1. Know God's Promises – We can't be emboldened by a promise we don't know.**



**If God's promises are to embolden us, we must:**

**2. Believe God's Promises – We must believe they're blood-bought realities for us, if we're to stand on them.**



**If God's promises are to embolden us, we must:**

**3. Embrace God's Promises – We must live in their good, rest in their truth, and walk by faith in their certainty.**





**“<sup>28</sup> I give [my sheep] eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”**

**– John 10:28-29**



## **GOD'S WORD (vv.7-8)**

***God's word requires us to be strong and  
courageous.***



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**As New Covenant believers, Romans 8:4 says,  
“...the law’s requirement would be fulfilled in  
us who do not walk according to the flesh but  
according to the Spirit.”**



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**Hebrews 13:5**

**"Keep your life free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for he himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you."**



## **GOD'S PEOPLE (v.18)**

***God's people encourage us to be strong and  
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**“<sup>18</sup> All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. <sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:18-20**

