“Step up, Step in!”

 *(Joshua 3:1-17)*

What if I told you “You are only one step away from doing something SO significant that people would still be talking about you generations from now?

Today, we’re going to consider the call on the life of a guy named Joshua & how he led God’s people into the land of Promise.

**Who was Joshua?**

 *“Moses commanded Joshua, ‘Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us…” (Ex 17:9)*

*“So Moses and his assistant Joshua set out, and Moses climbed up the mountain of God. Moses told the elders, “Stay here and wait for us until we come back.” (Ex 24:13-141)*

*“Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Afterward Moses would return to the camp, but the young man who assisted him, Joshua, would remain behind in the Tent of Meeting.” (Ex 33:11)*

**If you want to be used by God, spend time ALONE in His presence**

**A step TOWARDS something means a step AWAY from something else!**

*To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. (Matt 25:29)*

**WHAT HOLDS US BACK?**

* Fear of failure
* Perfectionism
* Feeling Overwhelmed
* Past trauma
* Fear of the unknown

*God speaks “Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. (Josh 1:2)*

**Great achievements come in one step at a time in GOD’s timing**

*Be careful to obey all the instructions Moss gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either ot the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. (Joshua 1:7)*

*This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (Josh 1:9)*

Reminds us of a call Jesus made to his followers…

*Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matt 28:20)*

LIFE IS EITHER A DARING ADVENTURE OR NOTHING AT ALL. Helen Keller

Here’s the challenge from Joshua’s life:

* **Step up**
* **Be Strong** & **Courageous**
* **Stay Focused & Obey**
* **Move Forward**

“You are most fully alive when you are on an adventure with God.” (E.M)