

09/14/03 – “THE LORD IS WITH YOU” – PART 2 MOSES/CALEB/JOSHUA

The basis of all true success is **the Lord being with us**

Moses & the burning bush – Exodus 3:12 – God said, *“Certainly I will be with you...”* (Moses felt unqualified – God qualifies us by being with us)

True success is more than mere external recognition & status – God’s view of success is not based on:

1. Achievement (though we measure it)
2. Fame (though we acknowledge it)
3. Discovery (though we benefit from it)
4. Education (though we learn from it)

The Lord was with Joseph and he became a successful man... The Lord our God is relational

God is not an impersonal God but intimately acquainted with all our ways – **Psalm 139**

God’s measure of **success** is not based on the outward appearance – true success results in the **Lord being with you**

Psalm 46:7, 11 – *“The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.”*

Hebrews 13:5 – *“...for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you...’”* – All I need is to know **God is with me**

Psalm 23:4 – *“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me...”*

Jeremiah 1:8 – *“Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,” declares the Lord.*

The Great Commission – *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* **Matthew 28:19-20**

The key to being **successful** is to know that **God is with you** and for you - **In John 15** – Abide in Me & I in you

God is bigger than our circumstances – He is bigger than our past failures, present shortcomings or future struggles

Numbers 11:1 – The People Complain – God had delivered the people from Egypt, provided cloud by day, pillar of fire by night, manna for them to eat (what is it?) – God was not pleased for they had an attitude of the heart that says your provision is not enough

God was with them yet they complained & wanted to go back to familiar settings of Egypt including slavery

Numbers 12 - Miriam & Aaron complained about Moses’ marriage to a Cushite woman – Felt like they had a right to criticize

Miriam struck with leprosy & Moses intercedes on her behalf – **Moses was the most humble man on earth** – An amazing statement!

Numbers 13 – Spies sent into the land – Report back that it flowed with milk & honey & brought back fruit – **But** the people who live in the land are strong, the cities are fortified & very large, & the descendants of Anak are there (**giants**), “We are like grasshoppers in their sight”

Ten of the spies said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us,” & wanted to appoint a new leader

Caleb & Joshua had a **different spirit** & despite the bad report from 10 of the spies, encouraged the people to obey God – They understood

God’s faithfulness & presence was with them... *“Only do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they shall be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.”*

We must start with *“The Lord is with us...”* We must carry on knowing **the Lord is with us**, & as we look to the future, know that He owns it *“I am with you always...even to the end of the age.”* *“...but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.”* Numbers 14:21