

经节：你平生的日子，必无一人能在你面前站立得住。我怎样与摩西同在，也必照样与你同在；我必不撇下你，也不丢弃你。（约书亚记一章5节）

神给约书亚的任务可能一度使他迟疑，作摩西继承人的担子可不小。藉着摩西，神使埃及的水变成血、红海分开、消灭埃及的大军、奇迹般地喂养以色列民族四十年。神在西乃山上与摩西说话，并且颁发十诫。约书亚一定觉得很惶恐，不晓得自己如何能够跟随摩西的脚踪。

为了除去他的疑惑，神向约书亚保证，摩西的成就全都是因为神同在的缘故。约书亚有了信心，因为那与摩西同行的神，现在一样也与他同行（约书亚记一：6）。

当你细数神藉着圣经中的男男女女所行的神迹，你可能怀疑神今日是否还行这些奇迹。要确定那位与摩西、约书亚、以利亚、彼得、雅各、约翰及保罗同行的真神，现在正住在你的心里。没有任何力量可以打败那位引导你的神。那位祝福他们的真神，一样可以藉着你成就祂的旨意。那位使他们战胜强大不败的敌人、在缺乏时供应他们所需、指示他们作决定的真神，今日一样也预备好，要以大能在你的生命中作工。这些信心伟人有一个共同点，就是他们都是没有能力的普通人。他们的不同是因为有神全能的同在。时间可能会改变，但是神同在的效力是永远不变的。

God's Presence

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Joshua 1:5

God's assignment for Joshua might have caused him some concern. Being the successor to Moses was no small task. Through Moses, God had turned the waters in Egypt into blood, parted the Red Sea, destroyed the Egyptian army, and miraculously fed the nation for forty years. God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai and gave him His law. Joshua must have wondered how he could follow Moses.

To erase any doubt, God assured Joshua that Moses' accomplishments had all been due to God's presence. Joshua grew confident because the same God who walked with Moses now walked with him (Josh. 1:6).

As you read the accounts of God's miraculous work through men and women in the Bible, you may wonder if God still performs such miracles today. Be assured that the same God who walked with Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Peter, James, John, and Paul now lives within you. No power can defeat the God who guides you. The God who blessed them is just as capable of working out His purposes through your life. The same God who gave them victory over seemingly invincible enemies, who provided for them when their own resources were insufficient, and who guided them in their decisions, is prepared to work as powerfully in your life today. The heroes of the faith had one thing in common: They were all ordinary people with no power of their own. The difference is the mighty presence of God. Times may change, but the effect of God's presence remains the same.

8月1日（星期一）- 标题：**忠心**

经节：耶和華的眼目遍察全地，要显大能帮助向祂心存诚实的人。

（历代志下十六章9节上）

如果你向神心存诚实，你不需要寻找祂，祂正在寻找你呢！

神告诉亚撒王，祂不断看顾那些在神面前持守忠心的人。当祂找到他们，祂以自己大能的同在，向他们显现。当亚撒王面对逐渐逼近古实王谢拉所率领的大军（历代志下十四：9），亚撒经历到神威严的大能。纵然亚撒当时面对压倒性悬殊军力的差距，但神赐下胜利给他。虽然亚撒经历了这次的奇迹，下一次面对敌军时，他对神没有信心。即使亚撒后来所面对的军队，军力远远小于神上回所打败的军队，亚撒的信心畏缩了。神鼓励亚撒勇敢，要知道神永远不打盹，也不休息。祂从来不会分心，祂殷勤地寻找那些向祂心存诚实的人。

有时候，我们所面对的生命挑战，看起来好象不可能胜过。你是否觉得自己太软弱，无法战胜仇敌？不要放弃！向神心存诚实，因为祂不断看顾你，并且渴望在你的生命中，展示祂的大能。诚如神曾经帮助历世历代的圣徒，祂不但愿意也能够让你胜过目前的挑战。问题不在神是否正寻找属祂的百姓，而是在祂的百姓是否正寻求祂。让神的应许成为你的安慰，祂应许你，祂正看顾你，并且要赐下胜利给你。

A Loyal Heart

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. 2 Chronicles 16:9

If your heart is loyal to God, you do not have to look for Him, He is already looking for you!

God told King Asa that He continuously watches for those who are steadfast in their commitment to Him. When He finds them, He makes His presence powerfully evident to them. King Asa had experienced God's awesome power when he faced a menacing army from Ethiopia (2 Chron. 14:9). God gave Asa victory, despite the overwhelming odds he faced. In spite of this miracle, the next time Asa faced an enemy he failed to trust God. Even though the army Asa faced was smaller than the one God had previously defeated, Asa's faith in God faltered. God encouraged Asa to take courage in knowing that God never rests or sleeps. He is never distracted, but diligently seeks individuals whose hearts are completely committed to Him.

Life's challenges sometimes seem impossible. Do you feel you are too weak to fight the battle? Don't give up! Keep your heart loyal to God, for He constantly watches over you, and He desires to demonstrate *His* strength in your life. God is willing and just as capable of giving you victory in your current challenge as He was with those in times past. The question is not whether God is looking for His people, but whether His people are seeking Him. Take comfort in God's promise that He watches over you and He wants to give you victory.

8月6日（星期六）- 标题：**忌邪的神**

经节：因为耶和华——你的神乃是烈火，是忌邪的神。（申命记四章24节）

我们的神是烈火。只有让祂的爱完全充满我们，祂才心满意足。提到嫉妒的人，我们总是联想到充满愤恨、疑神疑鬼的人，然而，主的嫉妒却是值得我们珍惜的！祂对我们的生命有完全的主权。祂赐予我们生命，并且在各方面保护我们免受伤害。这就是为什么祂命令祂的儿女，不可拜其它假神，祂不允许任何东西隔离我们与祂完全的爱。

主憎恨任何妨碍我们与祂关系的人事物（申命记六：15）。祂知道其他假神的危险性，祂清楚知道它们会如何诱惑我们离开神，它们会欺骗我们，留下空虚的生命给我们。祂不能容忍我们放置任何人事物高过对祂的爱。对神的忠诚，保证我们能够享有祂要赐予的丰盛生命。如果我们拒绝祂，祂会不断追求我们，直到我们回转到祂的面前。

我们不该为了神要保护我们与祂的关系，而憎恨神。知道神护卫我们与祂的关系，使我们得安慰。我们与神的关系，应居生命中最高的优先地位。这份关系会指引我们如何运用自己的时间、金钱和精力。如果某个人或财产使我们与神分离，我们一定要再次检视自己的心，再次把自己奉献给神，照着神的命令，把神放在我们生命中的第一位。神要我们每个人能够尽心、尽意、尽性、尽力地爱祂（马可福音十二：30）。我们对神的爱应该拓展到生命的每个角落。神深爱我们，甚至将祂的独生子赐给我们。让我们把自己完全奉献给祂，来回报祂的爱。

A Jealous God

For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. Deuteronomy 4:24

Our God is a consuming fire. He is satisfied only when His love totally consumes us. We usually think of a jealous person as someone resentful and suspicious, but the Lord's jealousy on our behalf is something that should be precious to us! He has the complete right to our lives. He gave us life, and He wants to protect us from anything that could harm us. That is why He has commanded His children to worship no other gods, allowing nothing to distract us from His consuming love.

The Lord opposes anything that hinders our relationship with Him (Deut. 6:15). He knows the danger of other gods, how they will lure us away, deceive us, and leave us empty. He will tolerate nothing that takes precedence over our love for Him. Our faithfulness to God assures us of the abundant life He wants to give us. If we reject Him, He will pursue us until we return to Him.

We should not resent the fact that God wants to guard our relationship with Him. It should bring us comfort. Our relationship with God should be our top priority. It should dictate how we spend our time, our money, and our energy. If certain people or our possessions separate us from God, we must reexamine our hearts and give our devotion first to Him, as He commands. God wants each of us to love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength (Mark 12:30). Our love for God should extend to every corner of our lives. God loved us so much that He gave us His own Son. Let us respond by giving Him our highest devotion in return.

8月5日（星期五）- 标题：**没有一句话会落空**

经文：你们是一心一意地知道，耶和华——你们神所应许赐福与你们的话没有一句落空，都应验在你们身上了。（约书亚记廿三章14节下）

在约书亚走到生命的尽头时，他和以色列人重温自跟随神以后，神所有的作为。神给了他们一个不可能完成的使命，就是要他们征服比自己强大的敌人，敌方拥有强大的军事力量及坚固的防御工事城邑。以色列人除了神同在与神必看顾的应许之外，别无可靠。当约书亚回顾过去的经历，他提醒以色列人，神信守每个应许。

有时候，我们在事后才对神信实的作为恍然大悟。在危难中，我们会怀疑神是否信守诺言。当我们只专注自己的问题时，对神的信心就开始动摇。在神应许赐给亚伯拉罕与撒拉一个儿子之后，他们等了廿四年才等到神成就应许。当大卫逃命时，他可能不确定神会信守承诺，让自己作王，一直到长期而成功地统治以色列百姓的尾声，他能够肯定神信守每个诺言。

你一样也能倚靠神的信实。你是否正处于危难中？要牢牢捉住主给你的应许！祂不会忘记祂自己对你的应许。回头检视你基督徒的生活，重新数算神如何信守祂的话语。

Not One Word Has Failed

And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed. Joshua 23:14

Near the end of his life, Joshua took time with the Israelites to review all that God had done for them since they first began following Him. God had given them an impossible assignment: to conquer a foreign and hostile land with fortified cities and armies more powerful than their own. The Israelites were to go forward with nothing more than God's promise that He would go with them and take care of them. Now Joshua looked back over their experience and reminded the Israelites that God had kept every promise. They had experienced numerous victories and had enjoyed God's provision for every need.

Sometimes hindsight gives us a clear picture of how faithful God has been. We are tempted during a crisis to wonder if God will be faithful to His promises. We focus on our problems, and our trust in God begins to waver. Twenty-four years after God promised Abraham and Sarah a son, they were still waiting on God to fulfill His promise. But in the twenty-fifth year, Abraham and Sarah could look back and see that God had been faithful. As David was fleeing for his life, he may have been uncertain how God would keep His promise to make him a king. But at the end of his long and prosperous reign, David could review how God had kept every promise.

You, too, can rely on God's faithfulness. Are you in a crisis? Hold to the promises of your Lord! He will not forget His promises to you. Look back over your Christian life and recount the many ways in which God has been faithful to His word.

8月2日（星期二）- 标题：**把他们交付你的手里**

经文：耶和华对约书亚说：「不要怕他们；因为我已将他们交在你手里，他们无一人能在你面前站立得住。」（约书亚记十章8节）

再也没有比确定自己行在神的旨意中，更让基督徒放心、有自信的了。神不会命令你去做一件事，却不保证你能成功。神向约书亚保证，当祂与迦南人争战时，没有什么可惧的。神允许以色列人打这些战役，在他们拾起武器之前，早已决定战役的胜负了。在他们打仗时，这一点的保证，带给他们何等的自信！虽然他们的敌人毫不留情地攻击，约书亚的军队早已胜券在握。

神并没有保证你所计划的每一件事，都能够得到胜利，但是，祂曾经应许你，只要你顺服祂的旨意，你必定成功（申命记廿八：7、25）。

是否有人妨碍你顺服神的旨意？要安息，要确信神不会允许任何人事物，阻挠祂儿女完成祂的计划。要谨慎，要以神的方式来评估胜利。当你陷入困境，神要做的也许就是赐下平安在你的心中。当你被人苛待，神要做的也许就是建立你一颗饶恕的心。也许祂现在正要除去你生命中的罪恶。如果你以世人成功的标准来评估自己，你会觉得挫败。倘若你看的，是神要借着目前的处境完成什么事，你会发现神是成功的。如果你确定自己行在神的旨意中，而你正面对高涨的反对势力，要有信心，神必完成祂手上的工。

Delivered into Your Hand

And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." Joshua 10:8

No greater confidence will ever come to you or to any other Christian than the confidence of knowing you are doing God's will. God will not commission you to do anything without ensuring your success. God assured Joshua that there was no reason to fear as he prepared to battle the Canaanites. God would allow the Israelites to fight the battle, but the outcome was settled before they ever picked up their weapons. What confidence this gave them as they fought! Even though their enemies fought relentlessly, Joshua's army was certain of eventual victory.

God does not promise you victory in every task you devise, but He does promise that you will be successful whenever you follow *His* will (Deut. 28:7, 25).

Does it appear that people are keeping you from obeying God's will? Rest assured that God will not allow anyone or anything to prevent His children from accomplishing His purposes. Be careful to evaluate success in the way that God does. Perhaps He is working to produce His peace in your heart as you face troubling times. Perhaps He is working to develop a forgiving spirit in you when others mistreat you. Perhaps He is working to eliminate a particular sin in your life. If you accept the world's understanding of victory, you may feel defeated. If you look to see what God is accomplishing through your situation, you will find that He is succeeding. When you face opposition but know you are doing what God has asked, have confidence that He will accomplish everything that He desires.

8月3日（星期三）- 标题：**求山地**

经节：求你将耶和华那日应许我的这山地给我；那里有亚衲族人，并宽大坚固的城，你也曾听见了。或者耶和华照祂所应许的与我同在，我就把他们赶出去。（约书亚记十四章12节）

迦勒对神的信心从不动摇，虽然他周遭每一个人都在怀疑，神使迦勒确信，除了那些害怕巨人及坚固城邑的人以外，所有以色列儿女都会进入应许之地（民数记十三：28~33）。其他人的不信迫使迦勒留在旷野，等了四十年，才进入应许之地。即使在那么多年以后，迦勒仍然对神满怀信心。

当神分配土地给以色列百姓时，大家都要求分配青草茂盛的山谷和草原。迦勒却要求一块山地。以色列人要把敌人赶入山地，在那儿，他们的敌人建立许多要塞。然而，这些坚固的要塞并不能威胁迦勒！他所倚靠的不是自己的力量，乃是神的同在。迦勒渴望看见神大能的作为，他清楚知道，如果住在安逸的环境里，自己可能较不会倚靠神。他选择一个非得信靠神的处境，拒绝让困难阻止自己享受神所赐的应许。

倘若你总是选择轻省之道，祈求平静的山谷，你将永远没有机会看到神的大能，领你征服山地。找出山地，你将会亲眼看见神大能同在的奇妙作为，施展在你的生命中。

Asking for Mountains

"Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said." Joshua 14:12

Caleb's faith in God never wavered though everyone around him doubted. God convinced Caleb that the children of Israel should enter the Promised Land, but the people were intimidated by giants and fortified cities (Num. 13:28-33). Their disbelief forced Caleb to wait forty years in the wilderness before he finally entered the Promised Land. Even after all those years, Caleb was as confident as ever in God's power.

When God was dividing the land among the Israelites, the people were asking for the lush valleys and grassy plains. Caleb asked for a mountain. The Israelites had driven their enemies into the mountains, where they had built fortresses. This did not intimidate Caleb—he asked for a challenge! He did not trust in his own strength but in God's presence. Caleb longed to see God work in power, and he knew he would be less likely to rely on God if he dwelt in the easy places. He chose a situation in which he would have to trust in God. Caleb knew his inheritance from God was on the mountain. He refused to allow the difficulty of gaining it to stop him from enjoying all that God had promised him.

If you always choose the easy way, asking for the peaceful valleys, you will never see God's power displayed to enable you to take a mountain. Seek out the mountains, and you will witness God doing things through your life that can be explained only by His mighty presence.

8月4日（星期四）- 标题：**手洁心清**

经节：谁能登耶和华的山？谁能站在祂的圣所？就是手洁心清……的人。

（诗篇廿四篇3~4节）

神严格地要求那些想要享受与神有亲密关系的人。那些手不洁、心不清的人很难见到神。倘若耽溺于罪恶及厚颜地违背神的话，又胆敢厚颜无耻地进入至圣所，这是公然地侮辱神。在旧约时代，一个人的手代表一个人的作为。清洁的手象征纯全的作为。祭司要进入圣殿服事之前，要洗手。这象征着，只有那些洁净的人，才能敬拜圣洁的神。

亲近神是有层次的。当你成为基督徒的那一刻，你与神开始建立关系。然而，如果你继续犯罪，罪会隔离你与神，阻拦你享受与神亲密的关系。倘若你仅仅遵循神基本的命令，却每回都拒绝神给予你的特别个人指示，那么你永远不能与神建立更深的关系。若像诗篇中的诗人，了解神的圣洁，你会照着祂的标准去调整自己的生命，立即回应祂的指示，好与祂建立更深的关系。

愈亲近神，对自己的小罪就愈敏锐。愈了解神的本性，就愈了解在朝见神以前，手洁心清的重要性。

你是否愿意让全能神使你在祂面前全然洁净，好能享受与祂最亲密的关系？

Clean Hands; a Pure Heart

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Psalms 24:3-4a

God has rigid requirements for those who want to enjoy intimate fellowship with Him. There is no easy access to God for those with unclean hands or an impure heart. It is an affront to holy God to assume that we can indulge in our sin and blatantly disobey His word, then brazenly enter the holy of holies. In Old Testament times, one's hands represented one's activities. Clean hands symbolized pure activities. Priests washed their hands before serving in the temple to symbolize that only those who were cleansed could worship holy God.

There are levels of intimacy with God. The moment you become a Christian you begin a relationship with the Lord. However, if you persist in your sin, sin will separate you from God and keep you from enjoying close fellowship with Him. If you follow only God's basic commandments but resist every time God gives you specific, personal directions, you will never fully experience the depths of God's Person. If, however, you are like the psalmist and understand the holiness of God, you will adjust your life to His standards and respond to His prompting so that you may have deeper fellowship with Him.

The closer you get to holy God, the more obvious even your smallest sins become. The more you know of God's character, the more you will realize the need to wash your hands and purify your heart before you can get close to Him.

Are you willing for almighty God to make you absolutely pure before Him so that you can enjoy the maximum possible relationship with Him?