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A man who lives to 80 still has a great deal

Deuteronomy chapter 31

31:6 Be strong and courageous, and be not afraid, neither be afraid of them, for Yahwha your God goes with you, and he will not forsake you, nor forsake you.

31:1 And Moses went and told the Israelis,

31:2 And he said, I am now a hundred and twenty years old, and I cannot go in or out as usual, and Yahweh said to me, Thou shalt not pass through the Jordan.

Moses' age at the time of his death was 120 years. Now in medicine, Jeanne Calment, a French woman, died in 1997 at the age of 122 years and 164 days, so Moses did not live a long life and Moses returned to Egypt at the age of eighty and asked Pharaoh to release the Israelites. After Pharaoh refused, God performed the Ten Plagues, and finally Pharaoh agreed to let the Israelites leave. Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea and out of Egypt.

The Journey and the Ten Commandments

After fleeing Egypt, the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years.

During this journey, God passed on the Law, including the Ten Commandments and other legal laws, to the Israelites through Moses to guide their lives and beliefs.

Let us be strong and courageous

Whenever fear is enveloped, like a tide,

God walks side by side with me.

In darkness, Thou art light,

Your love embraces me and makes me firm.

When fear overwhelms and the heart panics,  
Thy peace gives me rest.  
Thy power is exceeding,  
Let me feel Your strength in the midst of my weakness.

You have led me through trouble,  
In the midst of being lost, guide me forward.  
Your promises are the source of my strength,  
Let me trust in You and let go of all my worries.

Lord, your peace fills my heart,  
When fear comes up, I am unbreakable.  
You are with me, and I will never be alone,  
Let me feel your company at all times.

In fear I seek Your countenance,  
Let my soul rest in Your bosom.  
Lord, You are with me,  
In every moment, You walk with me.

In the Bible, the concept of "fear that God will go with you" is mentioned in various books. Here are some of these related verses:

Deuteronomy 31:6 - "Be strong and courageous, and do not be afraid, and do not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, and he will neither leave you nor forsake you." "

Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded you, be strong and courageous, and be not afraid or dismayed, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." "

Isaiah 41:10 - "Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand. "

Psalms 23:4 - "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. "

Psalms 27:1 - "The Lord is my light and my salvation: and to whom shall I fear, and the Lord shall be the guarantor of my life?"

The main thrust of these verses emphasizes that God is with man, and that man does not need to be afraid in the process of fearing God, because God is always with man and is man's strength, protection, and help.

We pray

Lord, feel weak in the time of fear

Pray that God will walk with me and give me strength.

Lord, it is my desire to meet you,

In fear, You are my refuge.

When darkness reigns and disorients,

Seek Your guidance to brighten the future.

In my weakness, show Your power,

Let Your love surround me and make me strong.

Lord, let your peace come,

Beyond the worries I felt.

Let Your embrace be my safe haven,

In the midst of fear, enjoy Your peace.

Teach me to let go of my worries,

Believe in Your promises and have hope in your heart.

Even if the environment is turbulent,

You are with me, and I am not afraid.

May Your strength be fulfilled in me,

In fear, synchronize with me.

Walk with You in times of fear

Lord, thank you for never giving up

In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Deuteronomy chapter 31

De. 31:1 Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: De. 31:2 “I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not cross the Jordan.’

De. 31:3 The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said.

De. 31:4 And the LORD will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land.

De. 31:5 The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you.

De. 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

De. 31:7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.

De. 31:8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

De. 31:9 So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

De. 31:10 Then Moses commanded them: “At the end of every seven years, in the year for cancelling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles,

De. 31:11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing.

De. 31:12 Assemble the people — men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns — so that they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.

De. 31:13 Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

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De. 31:14 The LORD said to Moses, “Now the day of your death is near. Call Joshua and present yourselves at the Tent of Meeting, where I will commission him.” So Moses and Joshua came and presented themselves at the Tent of Meeting.

De. 31:15 Then the LORD appeared at the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the cloud stood over the entrance to the Tent.

De. 31:16 And the LORD said to Moses: “You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them.

De. 31:17 On that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and difficulties will come upon them, and on that day they will ask, ‘Have not these disasters come upon us because our God is not with us?’

De. 31:18 And I will certainly hide my face on that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods.

De. 31:19 “Now write down for yourselves this song and teach it to the Israelites and make them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them.

De. 31:20 When I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the land I promised on oath to their forefathers, and when they eat their fill and thrive, they will turn to other gods and worship them, rejecting me and breaking my covenant.

De. 31:21 And when many disasters and difficulties come upon them, this song will testify against them, because it will not be forgotten by their descendants. I know what they are disposed to do, even before I bring them into the land I promised them on oath.”

De. 31:22 So Moses wrote down this song that day and taught it to the Israelites.

De. 31:23 The LORD gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you."

De. 31:24 After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end, De. 31:25 he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD:

De. 31:26 "Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God. There it will remain as a witness against you.

De. 31:27 For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the LORD while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die!

De. 31:28 Assemble before me all the elders of your tribes and all your officials, so that I can speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to testify against them.

De. 31:29 For I know that after my death you are sure to become utterly corrupt and to turn from the way I have commanded you. In days to come, disaster will fall upon you because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD and provoke him to anger by what your hands have made."

De. 31:30 And Moses recited the words of this song from beginning to end in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel:

In chapter 31 of the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses is now old and tells the Israelites that he will not be able to lead them into the Promised Land. He appoints Joshua as his successor and encourages the Israelites to remain faithful to God and His laws after his death. Moses writes down the law and instructs the Levites to place the book of the law beside the ark of the covenant. God then speaks to Moses, telling him that the Israelites will turn away from Him after his death, and He will punish them, but will also show them mercy and restore them to the land if they repent. Moses then teaches a song to the Israelites, which reminds them of God's faithfulness and their need to obey Him.

Here are some key verses from Deuteronomy 31:

1. "Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: 2 "I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The Lord has said to me, 'You shall not cross the Jordan.'" (Deuteronomy 31:1-2)

2. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

3. "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

4. "Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God. There it will remain as a witness against you." (Deuteronomy 31:26)

5. "When Moses had finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end, 25 he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord: 26 "Take this Book of the Law and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God. There it will remain as a witness against you." (Deuteronomy 31:24-26)

Chapter 31 of the Book of Deuteronomy marks a transitional moment as Moses prepares to pass the leadership to Joshua and speaks to the Israelites about the future. Here is a reflection on some key themes and lessons from this chapter:

**God's Faithfulness and Presence:** Moses reassures the Israelites that even though he will not be leading them into the promised land, God will go before them and be with them. He emphasizes that God is the one who goes before them, fights for them, and will never leave or forsake them. This highlights God's faithfulness and His constant presence with His people. It prompts us to trust in God's faithfulness in our own lives, knowing that He goes before us and remains with us through every season and transition.

**Passing on the Torch:** Moses appoints Joshua as his successor and encourages him to be strong and courageous, knowing that God will be with him. This passing of leadership signifies the importance of generational continuity and the need to raise up new leaders to carry on God's work. It prompts us to consider our own role in passing on the torch of faith to the next generation, investing in the growth and development of future leaders, and encouraging them to be strong and courageous in their faith.

**Remembering God's Word:** Moses commands the Levites to take the Book of the Law and place it beside the Ark of the Covenant as a witness against the Israelites. He emphasizes the importance of remembering and obeying God's commandments. This underscores the significance of God's Word as a guide and a reminder of His expectations. It prompts us to value and treasure God's Word, to study and meditate on it, and to allow it to shape our lives and actions.

**Anticipating Future Challenges:** Moses forewarns the Israelites that after his death, they will turn away from God and face consequences for their disobedience. He predicts that they will face trials and hardships. This serves as a sober reminder of the reality of human frailty and the potential for straying from God's path. It prompts us to be vigilant in our own lives, guarding against complacency and remaining steadfast in our commitment to God, knowing that challenges and temptations may arise.

**God's Call to Courage:** Throughout the chapter, Moses repeatedly emphasizes the need for courage and strength. He encourages Joshua and the Israelites to be strong and courageous, even in the face of uncertainty and challenges. This highlights the importance of relying on God's strength and trusting in His guidance. It prompts us to cultivate courage and reliance on God in our own lives, knowing that He equips us with the strength we need to navigate the trials and uncertainties we may encounter.

In summary, Deuteronomy 31 prompts reflection on the themes of God's faithfulness and presence, passing on the torch of leadership, remembering God's Word, anticipating future challenges, and God's call to courage. These reflections call us to trust in God's faithfulness and presence, to invest in the next generation of leaders, to cherish and obey God's Word, to remain vigilant in our commitment to Him, and to rely on His strength and courage in all circumstances.

They remind us that God is with us in times of transition and uncertainty and empowers us to face the future with confidence.





