

Mentoring Matters in Ministry

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TEXT: Deut. 3:28 “But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.”

INTRODUCTION: – What is a mentor? One who pours into the life of another. One who guides another in a specific direction. An experienced or trusted advisor, guide, master, counselor, teacher, trainer. A mentor is not someone who tells you what to do, but walks alongside to guide on what we can do – Simon Sinek
“Let’s go do it” not “You go do it”. How powerful when someone says, “Let’s” – Jim Rohn

I. GOD GIVES US THE FORMULA FOR MENTORING IN THE ACCOUNT OF MOSES MENTORING.

A. Moses led him by example – 40 years

B. Moses taught Joshua to _____ – Ex. 24:13, “And Moses rose up and his minister Joshua...”. Numbers 11:28, “And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses...”. Joshua 1:1, “Joshua, Moses minister....”
Minister – to attend to; to wait on; to serve.

C. Moses _____ him to follow God’s way – Deut. 3:21, “And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest. 22, Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.”

D. Moses _____ him in God’s Word – Ex. 33:11, “And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.”

E. Moses is at the end of his life, yet God still has him mentor Joshua! (He commands him to do so)

II. HOW DO WE MENTOR IN MINISTRY?

- A. _____ – “But charge Joshua,” – Deut. 3:28
Instruct him, enjoin him, to appoint him, sent to or put in order
The idea here is to push him FORWARD!
God had Moses charge Joshua because Joshua has now been entrusted with the future of God’s work!
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- B. _____ – “and encourage him,” – Deut. 3:28
To take hold of – FASTEN him to God! – Deut.1:38, “But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.”
I Sam. 30:6, “...but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.”
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- C. _____ – “and strengthen him:” – Deut. 3:28
To be alert, to establish, to make strong – to FORTIFY!
This is the first instance where the word, strengthen, is used in the Bible.
Psalm 27:14, “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”
Isaiah 41:10, “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”
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CONCLUSION – What is the result of Moses’ mentoring?

Deut. 34:9, “And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him and did as the LORD commanded Moses.”

Joshua 1:13-16 – read text.

Joshua 24:15, “.... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

APPLICATIONS:

1. What instructions or edification are you charging the next generations?
2. When was the last time you encouraged a younger person or young couple in this church to take hold of God and fasten themselves to Him?
3. Do you empower or enable young people here in this church?
4. Do you fortify the future generations of this church?
5. Ask yourself: Am I Mentoring others in this ministry?

