



arise + go

TEACHING SUMMARY

Moses was dead. The servant of the Lord, who had led Israel through plagues, parted seas, and forty years of wilderness, lay buried in Moab. The people had wept for thirty days. When the time of mourning was complete, Joshua son of Nun stood at the head of the nation. The people promised obedience: “We will do as we did for Moses.” Joshua must have smiled thinly. He knew their history.

The Lord spoke. “Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.”

Arise. Go over.

Two verbs. Two actions. Arise meant stand to your feet, be established, be confirmed, like a soldier snapping to attention. Go over means to cross, pass through, move forward. Stand up. Step out.

Now the Jordan lay before them. The promised land waited—spacious, bounded, already given. “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you.”

Permission to claim every square inch within the borders. The limits prevented them from roaming beyond what was allotted. The boundary lines had fallen in pleasant places. A beautiful inheritance.

The Lord encouraged him. “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land.”

Our greater Joshua, Jesus Christ, had already secured every blessing. Positionally, the land was theirs. Practically, they had to walk it out. The inheritance waited to be appropriated by faith. The uncashed check lay in their hands.

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