



What happens when you read the Bible "in the voice of" the person speaking, as if you are sitting right there in the scene? If you're like me, the Word pops!

Speaking of Jesus, John the Baptist (the one Jesus later said was the greatest of all on the Earth) tells his disciples who Jesus is. Imagine being one of the disciples when you hear this:

"He [Jesus] testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true." John the Baptist in John 3:32-33 (NLT)

What is your reaction? Mine was, "I accept...I affirm God is true!" But then I wondered why I doubt so much. Have I accepted Jesus' testimony about everything? If my fear is a measure....no.

Our most arduous hurdle to living the adventure God made us for is our lack of acceptance of what Jesus said. Will he really provide? Will he really help me? Does he really love me? I've had thousands of "discussions" with God about provision. I've talked with hundreds of people who hold back on moving ahead on their adventure because of such doubts. **What holds you back?** Are we to pray

and wait for it to go away? Recklessly ignore it? Do what??

Joshua is a great example showing us what to do. God calls his newly appointed leader to lead the Israelites across the Jordan at flood stage. God repeatedly says "Be Strong and courageous." Joshua knows he must go forward, through the river, but he takes three days to get ready. He makes a plan. He tells the people to purify themselves and he commits to obeying all of the laws in the Book. Joshua is not reckless, but he confronts the obstacle head on, tapping into wisdom. He is strong and courageous as he moves out in faith that God will honor his promises.

"...I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name." Psalm 138:2 (NLT)

I am reassured knowing that God is true so he must honor his name. But, as the story of the Israelite's crossing showed, God did not part the waters of the Jordan until the Israelites started moving. **God's promises aren't proven true until they are tested.** This is how we know God. I have experienced this multiple times. Each time I courageously moved straight into my fear, discovering the truth of God's promises. Very cool!

Identify your fear and make a plan to confront it, consulting with godly advisors to make sure it is good. Then will come the time to be strong and courageous as you move forward and test your belief in the promises of one who is true.

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