

HEAVEN BOUND

A man with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, stands on a path of white clouds. Behind him is a large, ornate golden castle with multiple spires and towers. A rainbow is visible in the sky above the castle. The scene is set against a bright, golden background with rays of light emanating from behind the castle.

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With a grateful heart to God for His
grace, mercy, love, and countless blessings
as we've walked together



Step 7

The Lord Is Always with You

Sometimes, we feel like we'll finally see God when we get to heaven. We'll touch on heaven a bit later. However, for now, we have some days left on earth. During that time, our Bible reminds us the Lord is always with us.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel had prayed to God to be freed from their Egyptian rulers. Moses was first called to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. God showed up during the ten plagues and protected the children of Israel. Moses and the children of Israel left Egypt on their way to the promise land. After Moses passed away, Joshua became the leader of the Israelite people. These two scriptures are from that time:

⁶Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6 (NASB)

⁵No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong

and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:5–9 (NASB)

Did you notice how very similar these scriptures are? There will be times in the Bible where God shares the same information. It may be to confirm what He had spoken already. The theme can also be shared with different groups of people. God does not change. In the first of the two scriptures above, Joshua was first named the leader to follow Moses. The second scripture builds on what was already said in Deuteronomy. God is being very clear that He is with Joshua as he starts leading the Israelite people. God's repeating Himself surely gave Joshua strength at this time.

This theme still holds true today. These are Jesus's words before he ascended into heaven:

²⁰I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20b (AMP)

As we are mindful of God's constant presence, we should have an inner strength and courage as we go thru our days here on this earth.