Courage to keep an old Commission

Joshua 11:15—*As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left<cuwr> nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.*

{**left.**..: Heb. removed nothing}

soor or suwr; to turn off, be(-head), bring, call back, decline, depart, eschew, get (you), go (aside), X grievous, lay away (by), leave undone, be past, pluck away, put (away, down), rebel, **remove** (to and fro), revolt, X be sour, take (away, off), turn (aside, away, in), withdraw, be without.

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My thought is on the courage to keep an old commission. God gave the law to Moses and Moses in turn instructed Joshua (Paul to Timothy). Joshua didn't look for a new message for his generation but dedicated himself to the cause of an eternal one. Gods commands just as his promises transcend time. The intent with which Christ gave his Word to the apostles is the identical intent with which He anoints his Word today. The Gospel message has not evolved or changed since His Word was settled in Heaven.

Joshuas record in chapter 12 of 31 wins 0 losses was the results of his courage to keep and obey a commission given to Moses. To Joshua Moses' call was in a way his call and Moses commands his commands and also Moses' blessing was also available to him but only if he walked the path that Moses did. In Joshua's career he did things unique to his own individual calling that Moses never did, but **he did not leave off a single command that was given to Moses**.

Obedience is the key to victory for God's people. Again, obedience is stressed: the Lord had commanded Moses, and Moses had commanded Joshua. What God commanded through His servant Moses, Joshua did. The emphasis is clear: he left nothing undone. He did exactly what God commanded.

**Complete** victory is the result of implicit obedience.

Joshua 11:9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

 It did not mean that God kept the Canaanites from being saved, but He kept Israel from making peace with the Cananites who had evil, unrepentant hearts that would in time corrupt God's people. Rahab and the Gibeonites show that the Canaanites could have been saved if they had been willing to repent. For centuries the Canaanites had given themselves over to evil, to total rejection of God. Their hearts as a people became hard, grew more and more stubborn. Their hearts grew beyond repentance, beyond any desire or will to ever be saved. So the judgment of God was to be executed upon them as a sign of what will take place in the last days.

Ex. 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

 2John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

1. Abiding in the doctrine of Christ. v. 9

Jesus Christ as the Son of the Father is the foundation of our faith.

“**Abideth**” –Remaining, Continuing, Dwelling, Enduring and Tarrying

Whosoever tansgesseth does not abide in the teachings of Christ does not have or possess God. Whosoever does **not** transgress but abides in all the doctrine of Christ has and possesses all of God.

par-ab-ah'-ee-no—to go contrary to, violate a command:--(by) transgress(-ion). It means to transgress against God by going too far, by trying to move out ahead of Christ.

There are many teachers, ministers and laymen who would like to be progressive and creative, to come up with an ideal thought, to make some advancement in doctrine. They want to be recognized and approved so they try to impress people and go beyond Christ and what He has taught. They twist or break off from or remove from the teachings of Christ. John warns against a person that does not stay in the teachings of Christ, he does not have God. He is not saved; he is not truly born of God. The only person who is born of God is the person who stays in the teachings of Christ. This does not mean that believers are not to be creative and thoughtful. It means: we must not move away from or beyond what Christ taught.

* We must abide in the doctrine of Christ
* We must be progressive and must be toward Christ, not away from Him

What are the Doctrines of Christ?

The Gospel according to John is a great book to study to know the doctrine of Christ.

1. Christ is the Word, The Word is God and the Word was made flesh.

2. Christ is the Son of God and Creator of all things with the Father and the Holy Ghost.

3. Christ is the source of life and the light of men.

4. Christ is the only Savior.

5. Christ is the way the truth and the life, the only way to the Father.

John 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

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1. Obedience is the Key to Victory
   1. Key Victories result from implicit obedience.
   2. Many have victory, but all lose the victory without complete obedience.
   3. Some find little or no victory.
2. Victory is always the results but Obedience is always the vision, aim and action.
   1. Having Faith in Christ is the Victory to overcome all.
   2. Being rewarded of faith is an incentive for courage,
   3. Being filled with faith is the results of keeping courage.
3. Commissions are Commands
   1. *Home missions*
      1. *Prayer meetings*
      2. *Visiting; Homes—Hospitals—Nursing homes (visiting and Ministry)*
      3. *Bus Ministry*
      4. *Street meetings*
      5. *Campus Preaching*
   2. *Foreign missions*
      1. *Building projects*
      2. *Missionary ; preaching, teaching, praying, supporting, supplying*
   3. *Submission*
      1. *To God*
      2. *To Elders*
      3. *To others*