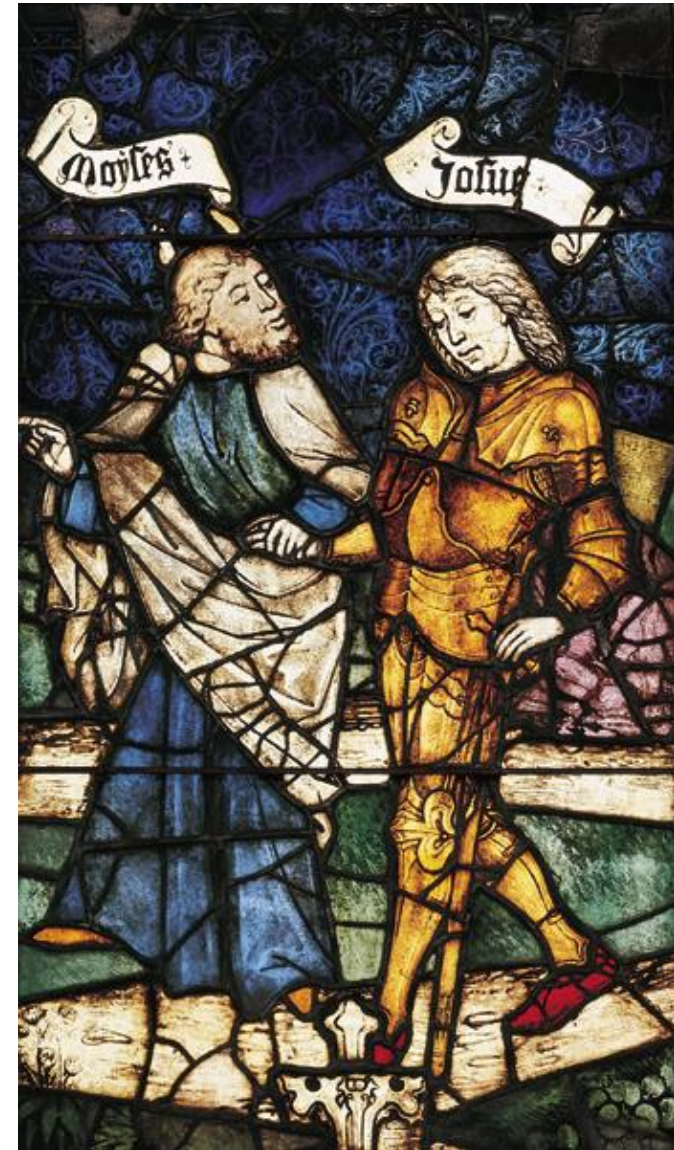


# Joshua 1: 1 – 9

Becoming God's People:  
Having Courage and  
Obedience





# Becoming God's People

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- “be strong and courageous” (v6 & 9)
- “be strong and **very** courageous” (v7)



6 **Be strong and courageous**. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “**Be strong and courageous**, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it.

23 And the Lord commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, “**Be strong and courageous**, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you.”

(Deut 31)



- “only be strong and courageous”  
(v18)



**Exodus 17**

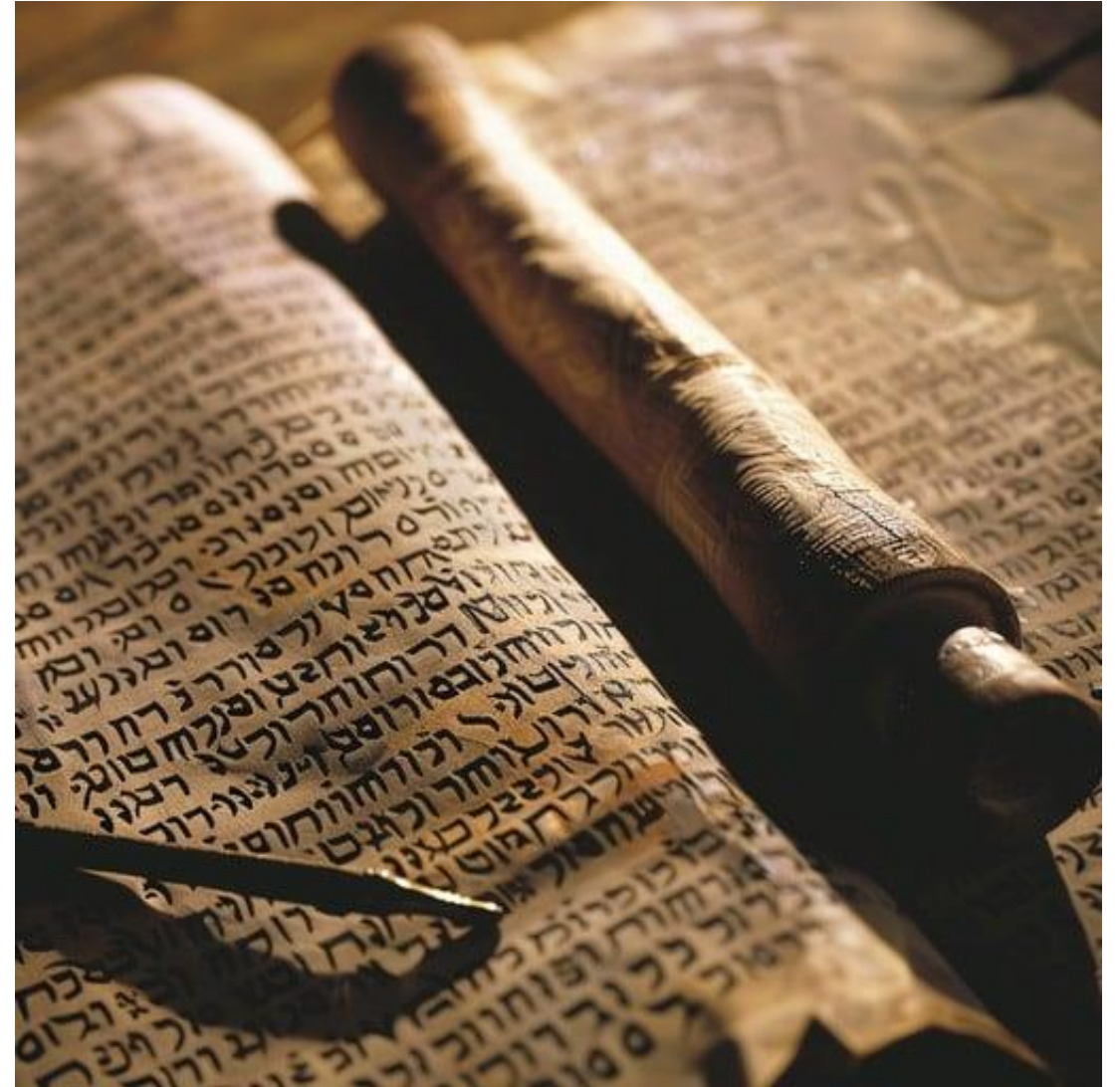


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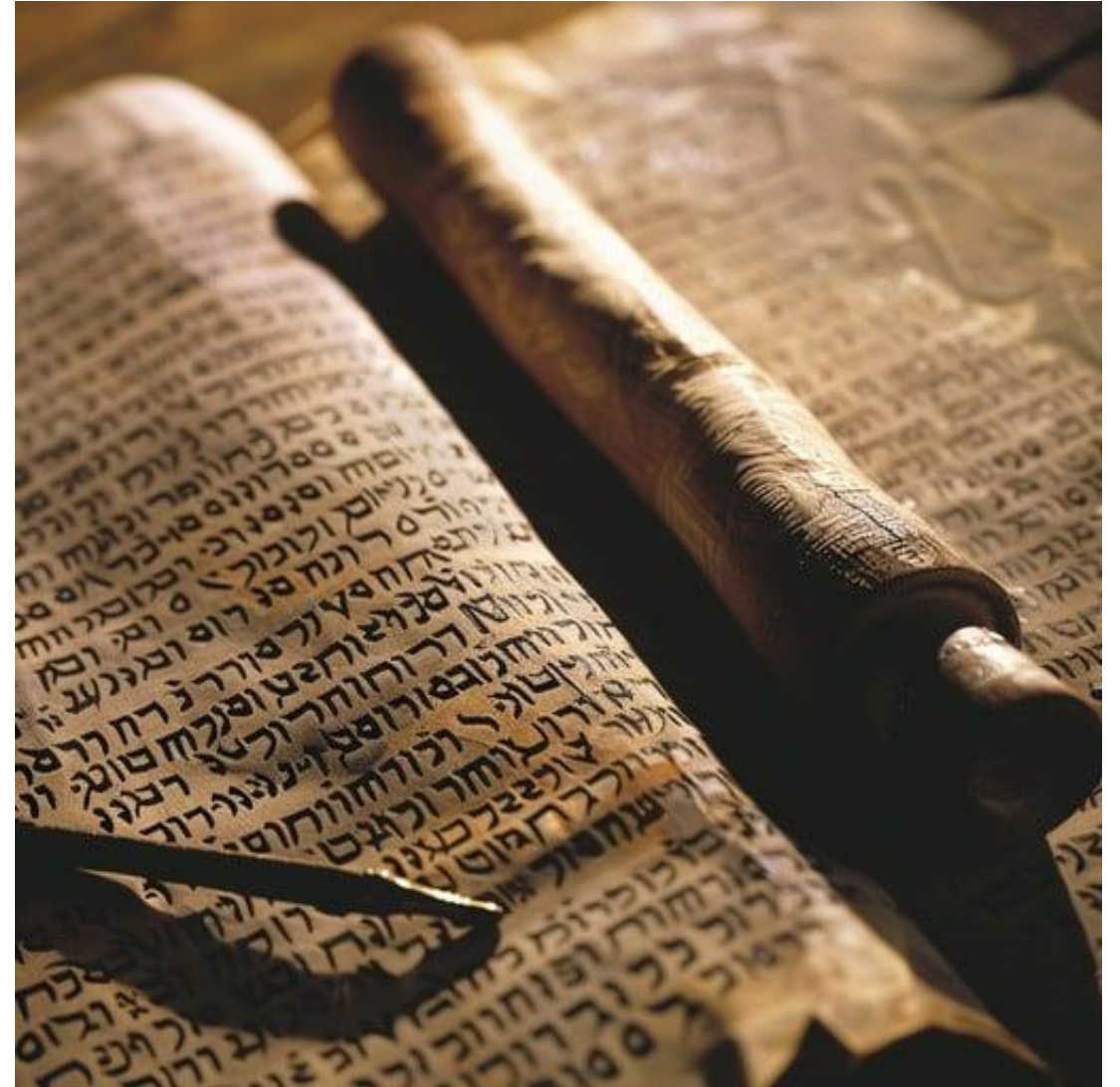


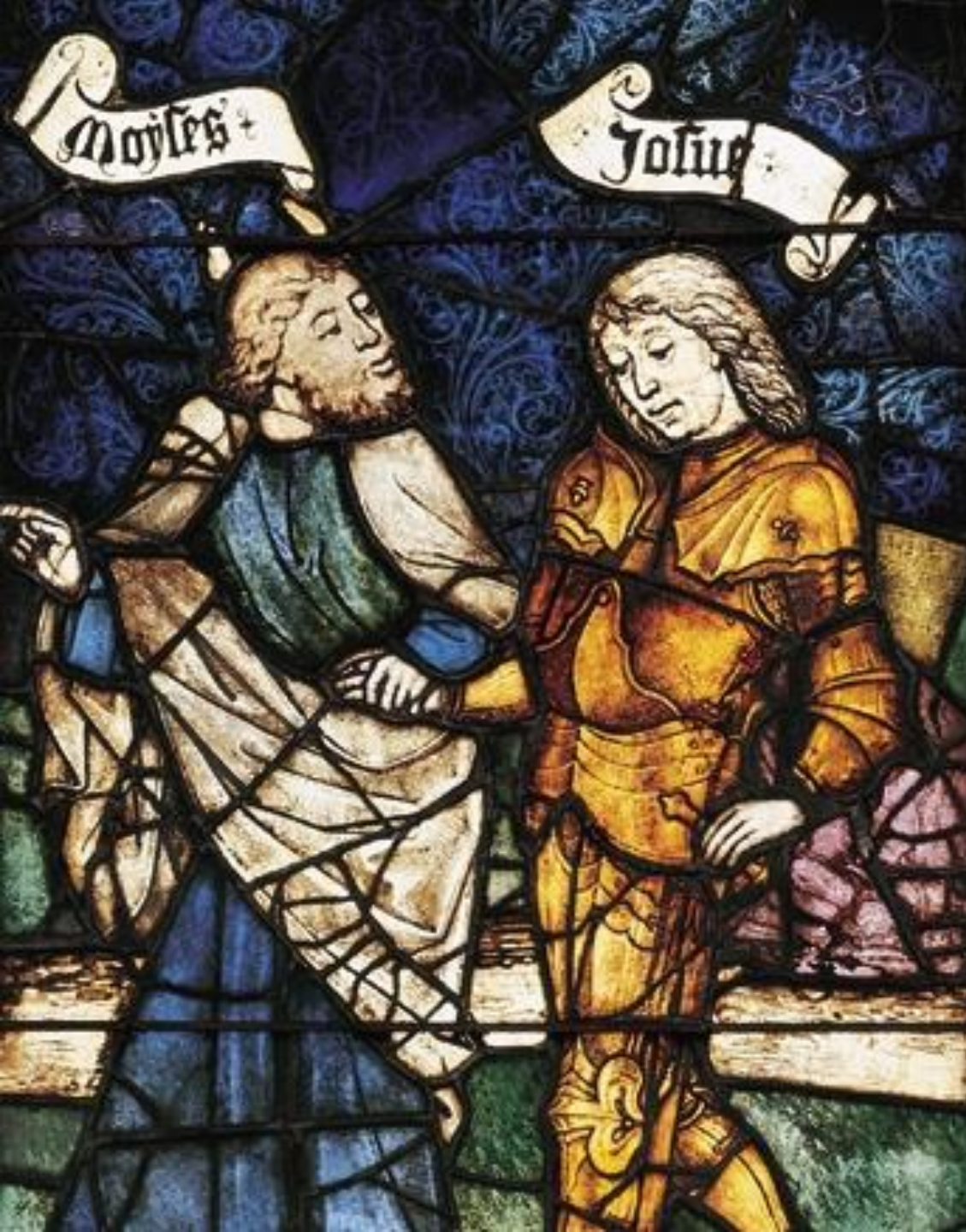
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- Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.



- This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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. (vv 7– 8)

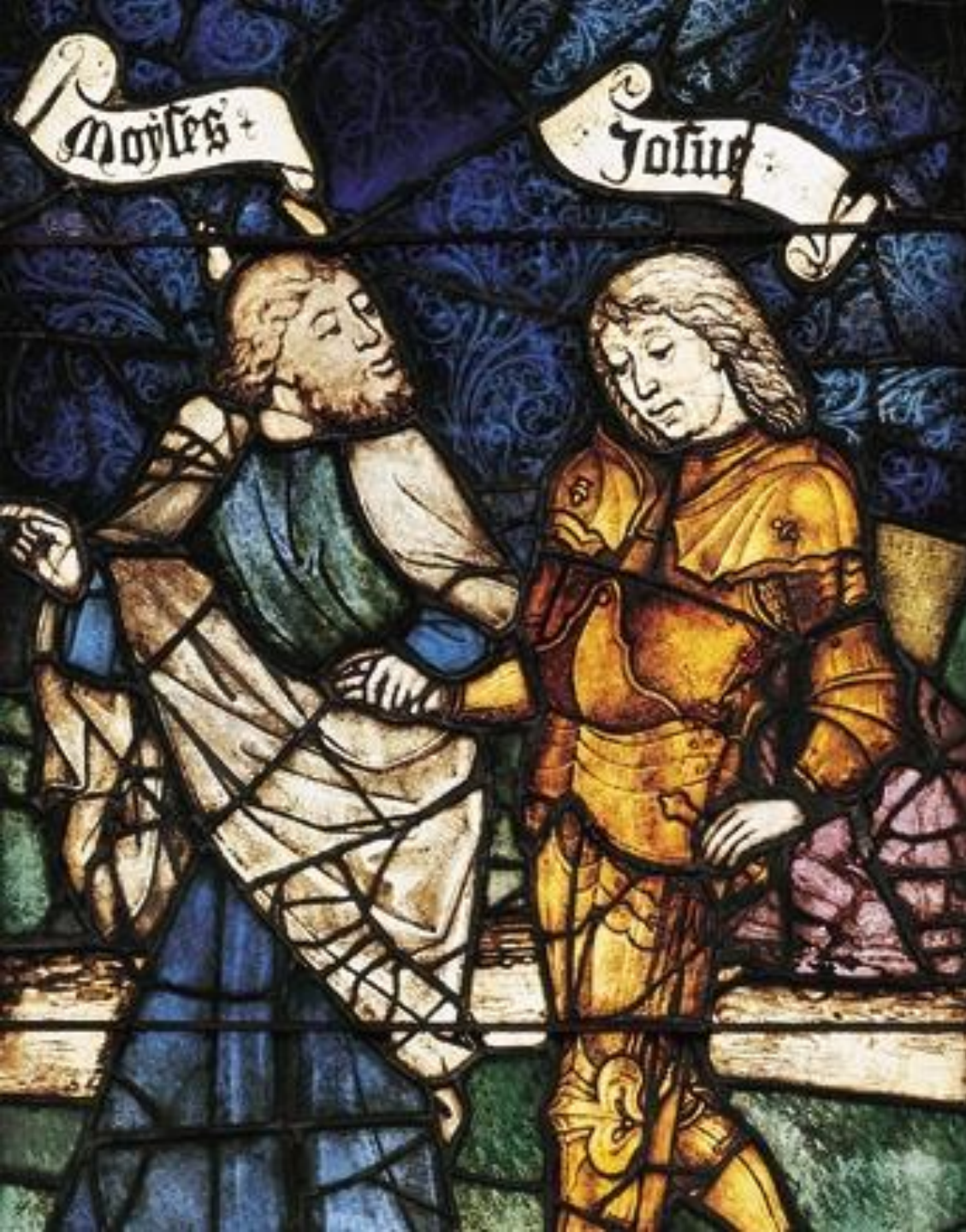




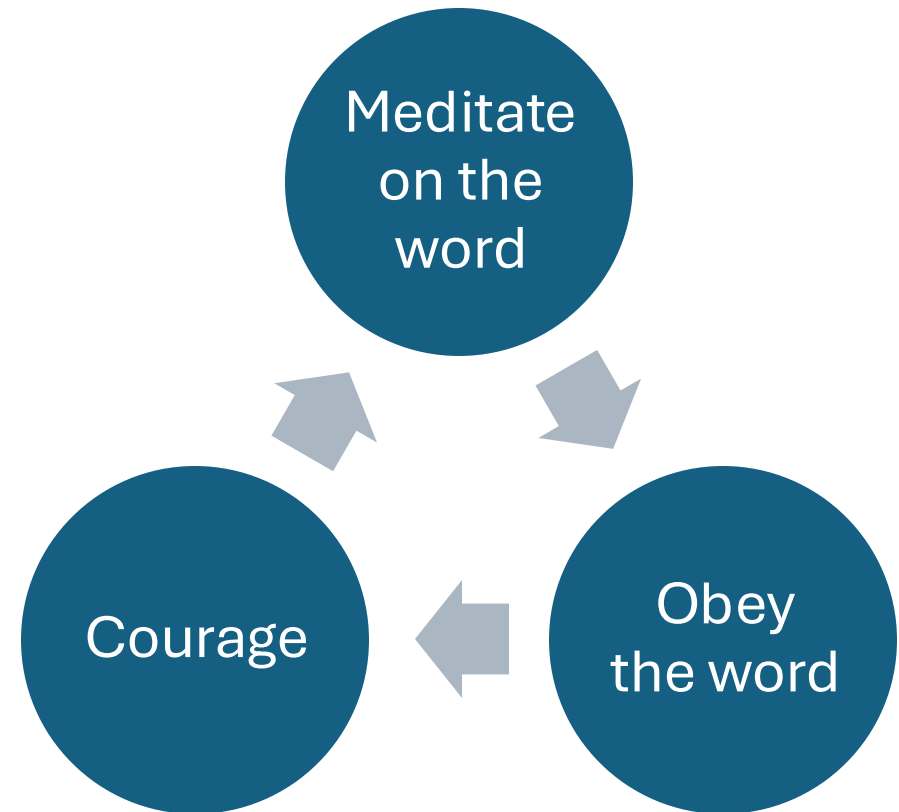
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Hoshea: “He has Saved”

Joshua: “The LORD is Salvation”



**Joshua needed Courage from obeying the word of God in the face of the challenges ahead.**

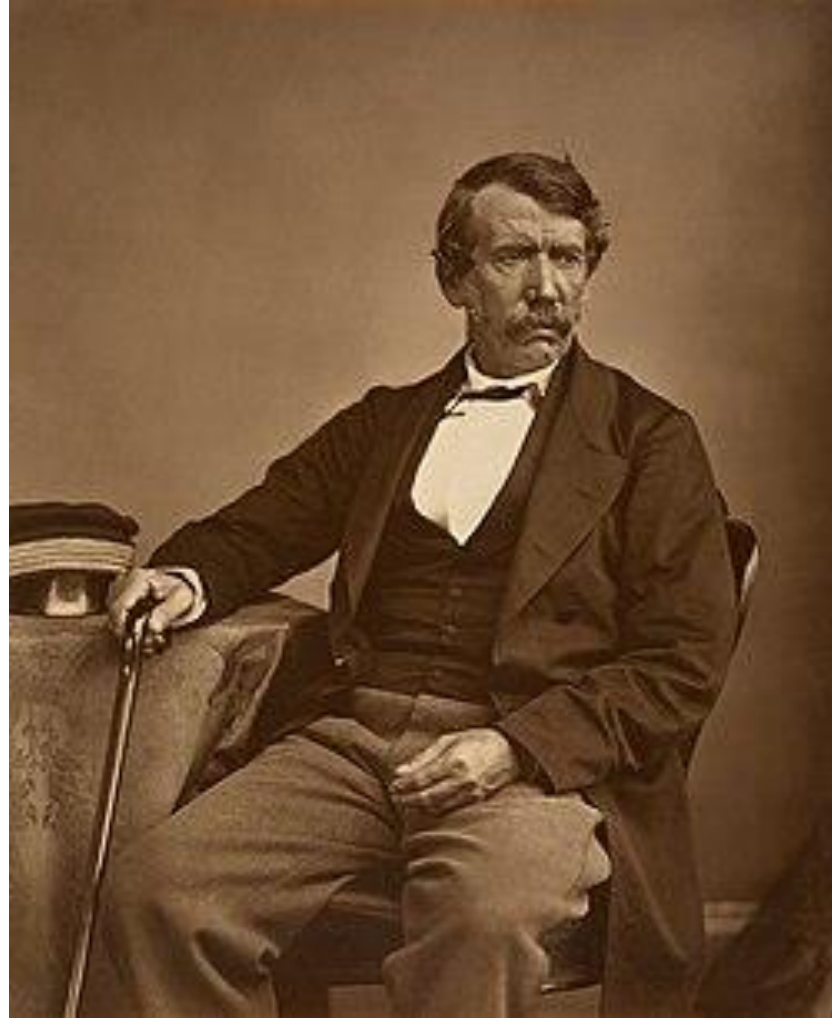


I have a (you might say fanatical) desire for people to use their own minds and make their own choices, based upon publicly available evidence. Religious fanatics want people to switch off their own minds, ignore the evidence, and blindly follow a holy book based upon private 'revelation'. (Richard Dawkins)

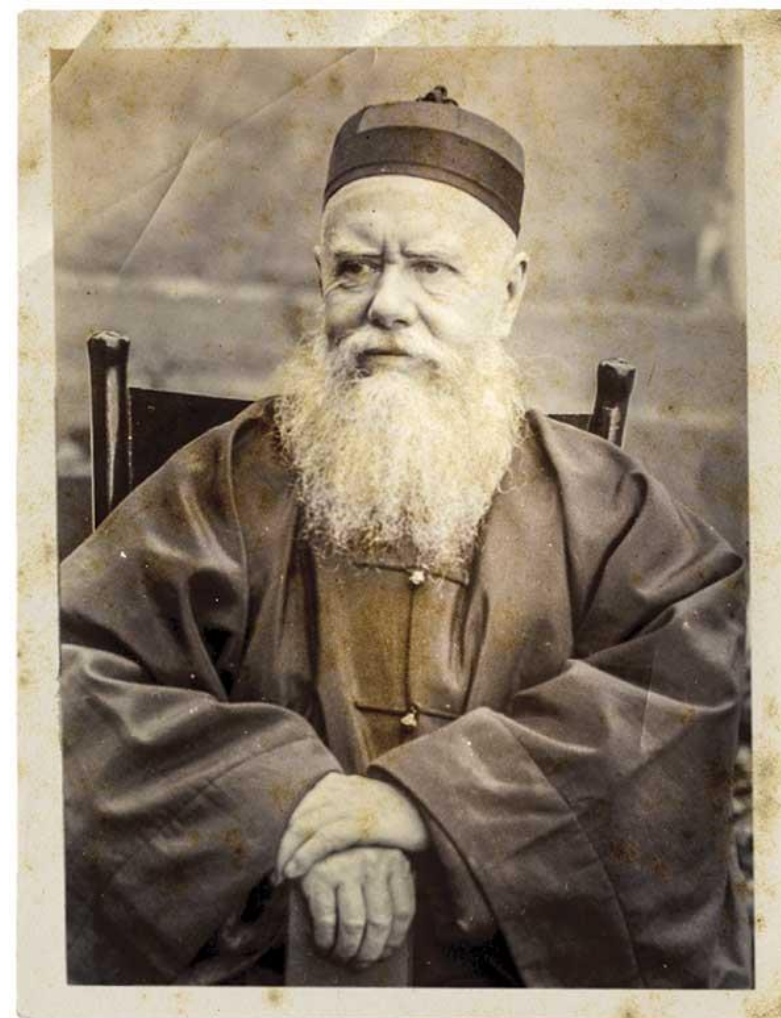




William Carey  
1761 -1834



David Livingstone  
1813 - 1873



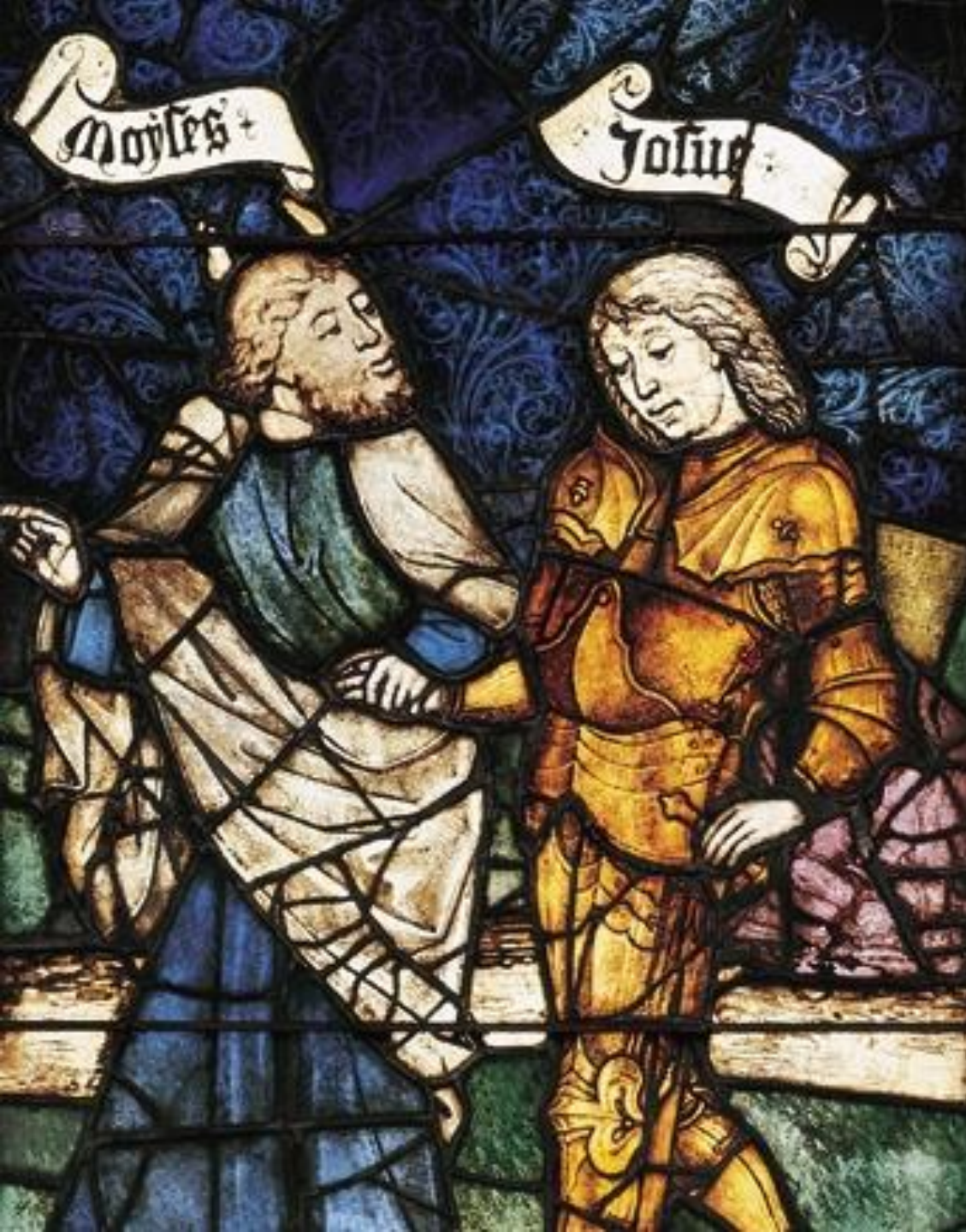
Hudson Taylor  
1832 - 1905

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.** (v5)

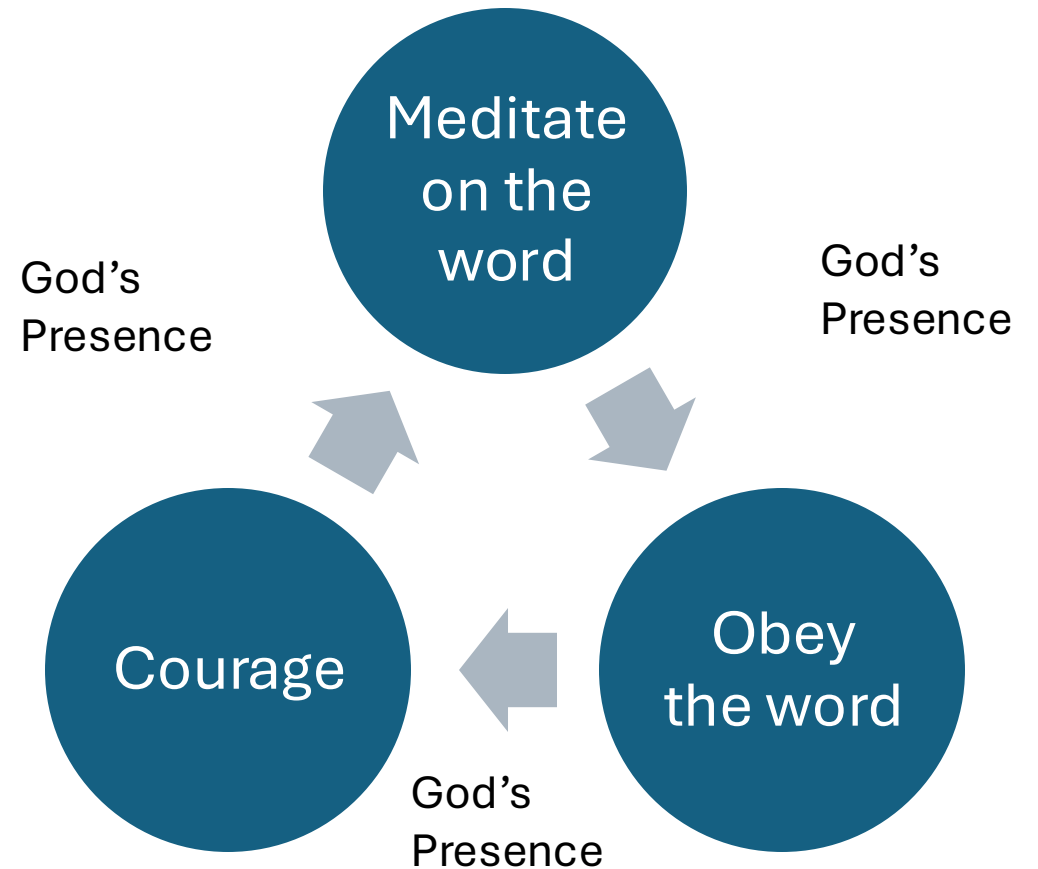
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for **the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**" (v9)



**Joshua will not succeed because he obeys God's instruction; he will succeed because God is with him to enable him to obey his instruction.**



**God's presence enabled Joshua to obey His Word.**



Every place that the sole of your **(plural)** foot will tread upon I have given to you **(plural)**, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your **(plural)** territory. (vv 3- 4)



Every place that the sole  
of your foot **will tread**  
**upon I have given** to you  
just as I promised to  
Moses.

- the land is already given to the people of Israel, but they still had to exercise faith to go and physically occupy it



For Christians, the promise of victory over sin and death has been accomplished through Christ. However, this must be claimed through a life of faith in Christ's work and of faithfulness to him (Rom. 3–8).

(Richard S. Hess, *Joshua: An Introduction and Commentary*)



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

(John 14: 16 – 17, 26)



After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. (Josh 1: 1 – 2)





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“Be strong and courageous”

- Addressed to every one of us here today
- Hold fast to and obey the Word of God become flesh - Jesus

