

THE CITY #5

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After the death of Moses the servant of GOD, GOD spoke to Joshua, Moses' assistant: "Moses my servant is dead. Get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country I'm giving to the People of Israel. I'm giving you every square inch of the land you set your foot on—just as I promised Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon east to the Great River, the Euphrates River—all the Hittite country—and then west to the Great Sea. It's all yours. All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Strength! Courage! You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. GOD, your God, is with you every step you take." Joshua 1:1-9 MSG

WHAT _____.

HOW _____.

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Then Joshua gave orders to the people's leaders: "Go through the camp and give this order to the people: 'Pack your bags. In three days you will cross this Jordan River to enter and take the land GOD, your God, is giving you to possess.'"

JESUS SAYS: DISAPPOINTMENT IS INEVITABLE, DISCOURAGEMENT IS OPTIONAL

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me." John 14:1

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

DISCOURAGEMENT = _____.

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IN MY CITY ...THE HOLY SPIRIT USES ME TO RAISE THE SPIRITS OF OTHERS

Encourage (verb): to make more determined, hopeful, or confident; to spur on, to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope

TRUE ENCOURAGEMENT=_____.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." *Mark 3:16-17 MSG*

TRUE ENCOURAGEMENT= _____.

"Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again.

Revelation 3:2 MSG

TRUE ENCOURAGEMENT= _____.

"Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift." *Ephesians 4:29 MSG*

TRUE ENCOURAGEMENT= _____.

"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

Hebrews 3:12-13 NIV

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MEN ARE ON MISSION TO RAISE THE SPIRITS OF OTHERS

"Quite a number of the Greeks believed and turned to the Master. When the church in Jerusalem got wind of this, they sent Barnabas to Antioch to check on things. As soon as he arrived, he saw that God was behind and in it all. He threw himself in with them, got behind them, urging them to stay with it the rest of their lives. He was a good man that way, enthusiastic and confident in the Holy Spirit's ways." *Acts 11:21-24 MSG*

WE _____.

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FOR DISCUSSION:

WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT IS AN ENCOURAGER TO YOU PERSONALLY? WHY THEM?

WHY SHOULD WE ASSUME EVERYONE WE KNOW AND ARE IN COMMUNITY WITH NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT?

WHICH ASPECT OF TRUE ENCOURAGEMENT RESONATES WITH YOU? WHY

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO WORK ON TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE AROUND YOU?

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF GOD'S MEN MOBILIZED IN THE SPIRIT TO THE ENCOURAGING FORCE IN A CITY?