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## FROM BEREAVEMENT TO BECOMING

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Joshua 1:1-9

### ADDITIONAL STUDY

II Kings 7:1-8, Psalm 66:8-12 &  
Jeremiah 29:11

### CONFESSION

I refuse to accept my current state as a dead end! I arise from my place of bereavement and stagnation, I am moving forward to becoming all that God still wants me to become. I am moving to my land of rich fulfillment in Jesus' name.

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. Joshua 1:1-2

Bereavement is a state of being deprived of someone or something. It is a term mostly used to describe the state of someone who has lost a loved one to death; and it generally portrays a sense of loss. Joshua was in a state of bereavement when God gave him the command in today's text. He had just lost a very important person in his life – Moses his spiritual leader and mentor who was like a father figure to him. The loss of Moses might have felt like the loss of direction, hope and vision to Joshua because those were the things Moses represented in his life. However, amidst his tears, God told him to arise and go over the Jordan (forward). Often in life, the loss of someone or something important keeps people in a place where they are not motivated to do anything or carry on with their lives. Nevertheless, your place of loss is not supposed to be your place of stagnation. There is a hereafter, and there is life after death. Hope comes after disappointment. A good business can be birth after a job loss. A relationship that will end in a good marriage, can be formed after heartbreak. The loss of your investment is not a sentence of poverty; more opportunities are available in life. The first thing God pointed out to Joshua when he spoke to him was that there was a land to possess and a journey to embark on to get there. All the things the Lord had promised the children of Israel were in that land, so, he needed to wipe his tears and lead the people towards the Promised Land. Joshua had to arise from his position of bereavement to a place of becoming all that God planned for him and the Israelites.

Likewise, you have to arise from your place of bereavement regardless of who or what you lost to go on to become all God still wants you to become in life. Wipe away the tears, shake off the doubts, come out from the condemnation, leave the pity-party, confront the discouragement, and arise from the frustration to your land of fulfillment. God wants to take you from your place of loss to your place of plenty, but, He needs you to ARISE and GO!

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