

Keys to Advancing III

Success leaves clues.

Some clues are explicit, and some clues are implicit.

Clues are something that guides through an intricate procedure or maze of difficulties.

KJV Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy **mouth**; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe **to do** according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way **prosperous**, and then thou shalt have **good success**.⁹ Have not I commanded thee? **Be strong and of a good courage**; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Be strong and courageous.

Everyone can enter the land.

Everyone will be needed to conquer the land.

Everyone can help and assist in possessing the land.

Everyone may not stay.

KJV Joshua 1:12-15 And to the **Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua**, saying,¹³ Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but **ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;**

¹⁵ Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

🔑 Succession has its chills and thrills.

I

Success is not success without a successor.

🔑 Succession is the peaceful and orderly transfer of authority, resources, and leadership to the next generation of leaders.

KJV Numbers 32 the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh had a possession in Gilead where cattle could flourish.

Vs 29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession;

🔑 Some will have different needs, and some will be in a different season.

II

There is a day when your successor grows and enlarges in the eyes of the people.

KJV Joshua 4:14 On that day **the LORD magnified** Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

It would take seven years to enter, conquer and possess the land.

This was accomplished by the time of the events in *Joshua 22* when Reubenites, and Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh would return East of Jordan.

These families who left were not enemies.

The returning soldiers also left with six solemn exhortations by Joshua ringing in their ears: (a) be very careful to keep the commandment and the Law, (b) love the Lord your God, (c) walk in all His ways, (d) obey His commands, (e) hold fast to Him, and (f) serve Him with all your heart and all your soul. ^{KJV} *Joshua 22:5*

They would build a large altar of witness, remembrance, and covenant in Canaan on the edge of Jordan.

🔑 An altar is where men learn to touch God!

🔑 *Whether away from the promise or living in the promise, build your altar, learn to touch God!*

III

Rhema Christian Center will walk through the succession process.

Our journey began with prayerful conversation with Rhema's board of directors in 2019.

Our movement was interrupted by Covid 19 in 2020-2021, where we learned to stay together while being apart, however we continued periodic conversation.

We discovered we would have to write the map under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our executive team has developed an emergency succession plan in 2022.

In 2023 I shifted from 5-year contract to a 36-month, three-year contract with Rhema Christian Center.

Our goal is to complete the succession journey by 2025 or before, by His Grace.

Rhema has contracted with a national Christian consultant group, SlingShot, to give us some wisdom and guidance through the succession journey.

We will need you as a church to be praying over the next 2 1/2 years specifically for the succession journey.

We will need you at the church also to listen and stay informed on where we are in the process of succession.

We will need you also as a church to stay in agreement as we walk through this process of succession, because we have never been this way before.

🔑 We will need you as a church to remember, the Lord is with us wherever we go and will guide us through this process.

🔑 Succession is the orderly and peaceful transfer of authority, leadership, and resource to the next generation of leaders.

*Rhema Christian Center
Bishop La Fayette Scales
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9:30 a.m.*