# **MSG: I'M DOWN FOR WHATEVER**

SCRIPTURE: JOSHUA 1:10-17 NLT SZN 3: SOAR WITH JESUS

#### Joshua 1:10-17 NLT

"Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, "Go through the camp and tell the people to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you." Then Joshua called together the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. He told them, "Remember what Moses, the servant of the Lord, commanded you: 'The Lord your God is giving you a place of rest. He has given you this land.' Your wives, children, and livestock may remain here in the land Moses assigned to you on the east side of the Jordan River. But your strong warriors, fully armed, must lead the other tribes across the Jordan to help them conquer their territory. Stay with them until the Lord gives them rest, as he has given you rest, and until they, too, possess the land the Lord your God is giving them. Only then may you return and settle here on the east side of the Jordan River in the land that Moses, the servant of the Lord, assigned to you." They answered Joshua, "We will do whatever you command us, and we will go wherever you send us. We will obey you just as we obeyed Moses. And may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses.

#### 1. WHATEVER JESUS HAS DONE, TELL PEOPLE!

Joshua 1:11 a NLT "Go through the camp and tell the people..."

#### YOUR TESTIMONY EMPOWERS YOUR PEOPLE AND EMBOLDENS YOUR FAITH

**Revelation 12:11 NLT** 

"And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die."

# YOUR TESTIMONY GIVES PEOPLE AN ANSWER AND GAINS PEOPLES ATTENTION

# 1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

# Answer -apologia - a speech of defense

# 1. WHATEVER PROVISIONS YOU NEED IS IN HIS WORD

# Joshua 1:11 NLT

"...to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Provisions - "meat", "venison", or "victuals"

# THE IMMATURE IN CHRIST INHALE MILK

# 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 NLT

"Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world?"

#### THE MATURE IN CHRIST INGEST MEAT

#### Hebrews 5:12-14 NLT

"You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong."

#### **1. WHATEVER REST YOU NEED IS IN JESUS**

#### Joshua 1:14-15 NLT

"Your wives, children, and livestock may remain here in the land Moses assigned to you on the east side of the Jordan River. But your strong warriors, fully armed, must lead the other tribes across the Jordan to help them conquer their territory. Stay with them until the Lord gives them rest, as he has given you rest, and until they, too, possess the land the Lord your God is giving them. Only then may you return and settle here on the east side of the Jordan River in the land that Moses, the servant of the Lord, assigned to you."

#### YOUR REST MUST BE GIVEN TO YOU

#### Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.""

## YOUR REST MUST BE FOUGHT FOR!

#### 2 Samuel 7:1 NLT

"When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies,"

### YOUR REST IS IN THE CAST NOT IN THE PAST

#### 1 Peter 5:5-7 NIV

"In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."