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INT: Vs. 6 spoken when Israel had little to make them glad. Moses is dead! Joshua unproved to them. Skeptical. Israel untrained after 430 yrs. in Egypt. What do? Rom. 15:4 says a good lesson for us in this incident.

I. "ARISE AND GO OVER THIS JORDAN". Vs. 2. Meet unknown!
A. Israel longed for this day. Genesis 17:8. Rich!!
B. Loss of courage now would cost them inheritance as it did the generation before. Num. 14:29-35.
C. God knew the future; controlled it; now trying to get Israel to TRUST in His Goodness. Vs. 3. *

II. "BE STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS". V. 6. Try faith!!!
A. The impossible? Walled cities! Giants! Trained armies! Same as in 1491 B.C. Same God too!!
B. Faith in God produces faith in God's children: us!
   1. Ill. Rugged Coast Guard Captain. "let's go boys! "But, wind is offshore! Tide going out! Can go out to wreck, but NEVER get back." "Get in boys, launch the boat! We seamen HAVE to go out! We don't have to come back!"(Knt. 1. p. 196.) Went!!
C. Joshua's army one of few assured of the outcome before the out-go! Vs. 5. *

III. "MEDITATE THAT THOU MAYEST OBSERVE." Vs. 8. Trust My word!!
A. The Law was their eternal guarantee. Rom. 10:17.
B. Without DAILY spiritual meditations God's people are carnal as the world! Family devotions??
C. Prosperity and success assured those who will hold fast to God's Word. II Tim. 2:15 and 3:16-17.

IV. "BE NOT AFRAID." 9 God and one man make a majority!!
A. Fear comes only when men forget the nearness of God, and sureness of His promises. Heb. 13:15-16.
B. Paul prayed often, worked hard, and lived right! Reason for blessed assurances. Phil. 4:13.
C. Those confident of, and close to God will not fear anything! I John 4:14-19.

WOULD TO GOD THAT WE COULD BE AS COURAGEOUS AS PEDRO.
(Knt. II. p. 130.) Story of Simon of Cyrene. Little Pedro said, "I would have helped Jesus carry His cross! Preacher: "If had, Romans would have beaten you across the back." Pedro: "I still would." Later: Back touchy. Mother beat him for attending church.