

BE A BRINGER

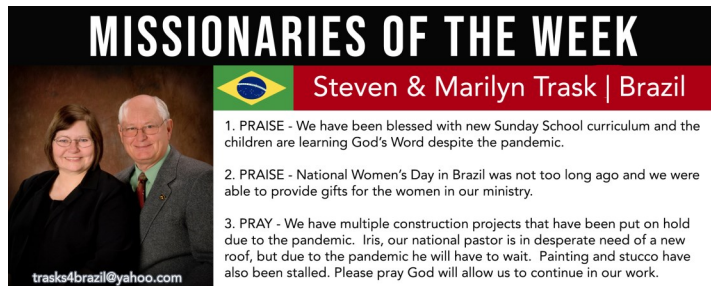
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK
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1. PRAISE - We have been blessed with new Sunday School curriculum and the children are learning God's Word despite the pandemic.

2. PRAISE - National Women's Day in Brazil was not too long ago and we were able to provide gifts for the women in our ministry.

3. PRAY - We have multiple construction projects that have been put on hold due to the pandemic. Iris, our national pastor is in desperate need of a new roof, but due to the pandemic he will have to wait. Painting and stucco have also been stalled. Please pray God will allow us to continue in our work.

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GROWTH
GUIDE

REFLECTING BACKWARD,
REACHING FORWARD

Handout: 12/27/20

Study: 01/03/20

Reaching Forward

In the middle of a problem, it is easy to lose sight of God’s faithfulness and His goodness. We often find ourselves focusing on our problems when we’re in them and forgetting everything else. But God has a purpose in the struggle and He is faithful, no matter what.

The book of Joshua opens with its main character, Joshua in a tough circumstance. After Moses’ death, God decided to put Joshua in charge of ALL of the Israelites that Moses had been leading on the journey to the promised land. To say that a huge role of leadership was suddenly given to Joshua would be an understatement! But Joshua was faithful throughout the rest of his journey leading God’s people to the promised land because He knew that, no matter what, God is faithful.

It’s so hard to remember that God is faithful when times are tough. Here are some ways to stay focused on Jesus through the struggle.

1) Remember God is faithful.

Joshua was able to maintain his focus on God because he REMEMBERED that God is faithful.

When we encounter a tough situation or a trial that seems to go on forever, we MUST remember that God is always faithful, and He is always faithful to His children. Forty years seems like forever but Moses nor Joshua lost sight of who God is. God’s character does not change no matter our circumstances. Do not lose sight of who God is because He is faithful.

2) Remember God’s promises.

If God could free a nation of people, Joshua believed that God could also be faithful in making him a leader. It wasn’t an easy road to lead a nation through wilderness to the Promised Land, but Joshua was faithful because he remembered God’s faithfulness in past promises.

In the trials we endure, remember that God promises to always be with us, no matter where we go.

3) Remember God is good.

Although we struggle, God intends everything to be for our good (Romans 8:28)!

God never said that life would be easy but we need to remember that He is faithful, He is good, and He keeps His promises: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow - faithful.

Source: <https://newspring.cc/articles/wherever-we-go-god-is-faithful>

KEY VERSE

Joshua 1:11 (NKJV)

“Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’ ”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Joshua 1:1-2; Romans 8:31-38; II Corinthians 4:16-18

Focus On The Future

1. What are some things from 2020 that you need to let go of? What is your vision for 2021?
2. What hope for the future can you find in today’s scripture readings?

Tuesday: Joshua 1:3-6; Matthew 6:25-34; Hebrews 13:5-6

Remember The Promises

3. What promises did God make to Joshua?
4. What promises has He made to you?

Wednesday: Joshua 1:7-8; John 14:21; Psalm 1:1-3

Obey The Commands

5. How do you define success? How does God define it based upon today’s readings?
6. What is your plan to be successful in this area of your life in 2021?

Thursday: Joshua 1:9; Psalm 56:3-4; II Timothy 1:7-12

Be Strong And Courageous

7. Moses, the leader of Israel had just died and Joshua was now put in charge of all of Israel. What fears might he have experienced?
8. What are some fears that you are facing in your life today? Where do you need to grow in courage?
9. Based upon today’s readings, why should you be strong and courageous?

Friday: Joshua 1:10-11; Ephesians 2:8-9; I John 5:4

Move Forward By Faith

10. How did Joshua demonstrate faith?
11. Why is faith important? Why is faith necessary to move forward this year?
12. What are some ways you want to move forward this year? Pray and ask the Lord to help you.