

“LIVING IN TIMES OF PASTORAL TRANSITION AND CHANGE”
Joshua 1:1-2

(Twilight Zone music)

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1. Acknowledge the loss *“Moses my servant is dead”*

Deuteronomy 34:7-8, “Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.”

- **The degree of loss depends on how much the previous chapter was valued.**

2. Don't get stuck between chapters *“Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan”*

Any healthy grieving process ultimately involves moving beyond the sense of loss over the way things were and into an active pursuit of the way God wants them to be.

“The work of God is much larger than any man of God.”

3. Don't Retreat *“go over this Jordan, you and all this people”*

4. Watch your focus *“into the land I am giving to them”*

- **Be aware of the “ites”**
- **Adopt NBD...“No Big Deal”**
- **Watch where God is moving**

5. Anticipate the future "*the land I am giving to them*"

6. Face the Future with Strength and Courage_(1:6, 7, 9, 18)

Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."