

OBSTACLES, THREATS, DANGERS



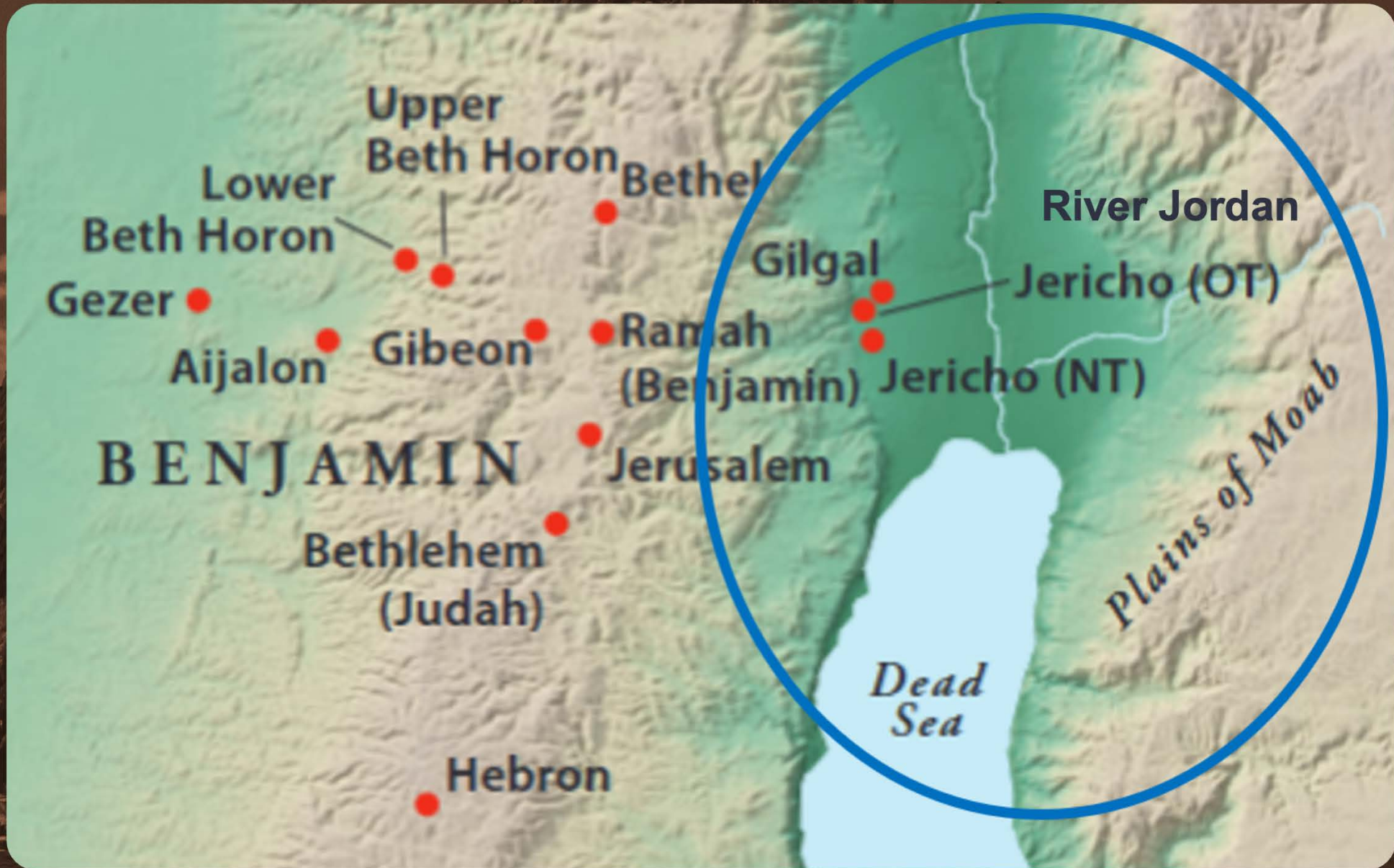
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Curacao's Eloy Room in action as he makes a save from Ecuador's Gonzalo Plata. (Photo: Reuters/Kai Pfaffenbach)

GOD'S THREEFOLD
COMMAND IN JOSHUA 1

**BE STRONG
AND COURAGEOUS**



“STRONG AND COURAGEOUS” – IN HEBREW

- **chazaq** and **ameş**: both words are similar in meaning

chazaq

to be strong

to be courageous

to fortify

inner resolve

ameş

make firm

strengthen

secure

persist in

“STRONG AND COURAGEOUS” – IN HEBREW

- typically appear together in **imperatives** throughout the books of Deuteronomy and Joshua
- The command isn't merely about physical strength but about cultivating an unwavering determination rooted in trust – a steeling of one's inner resolve to fulfil God's purpose despite obstacles

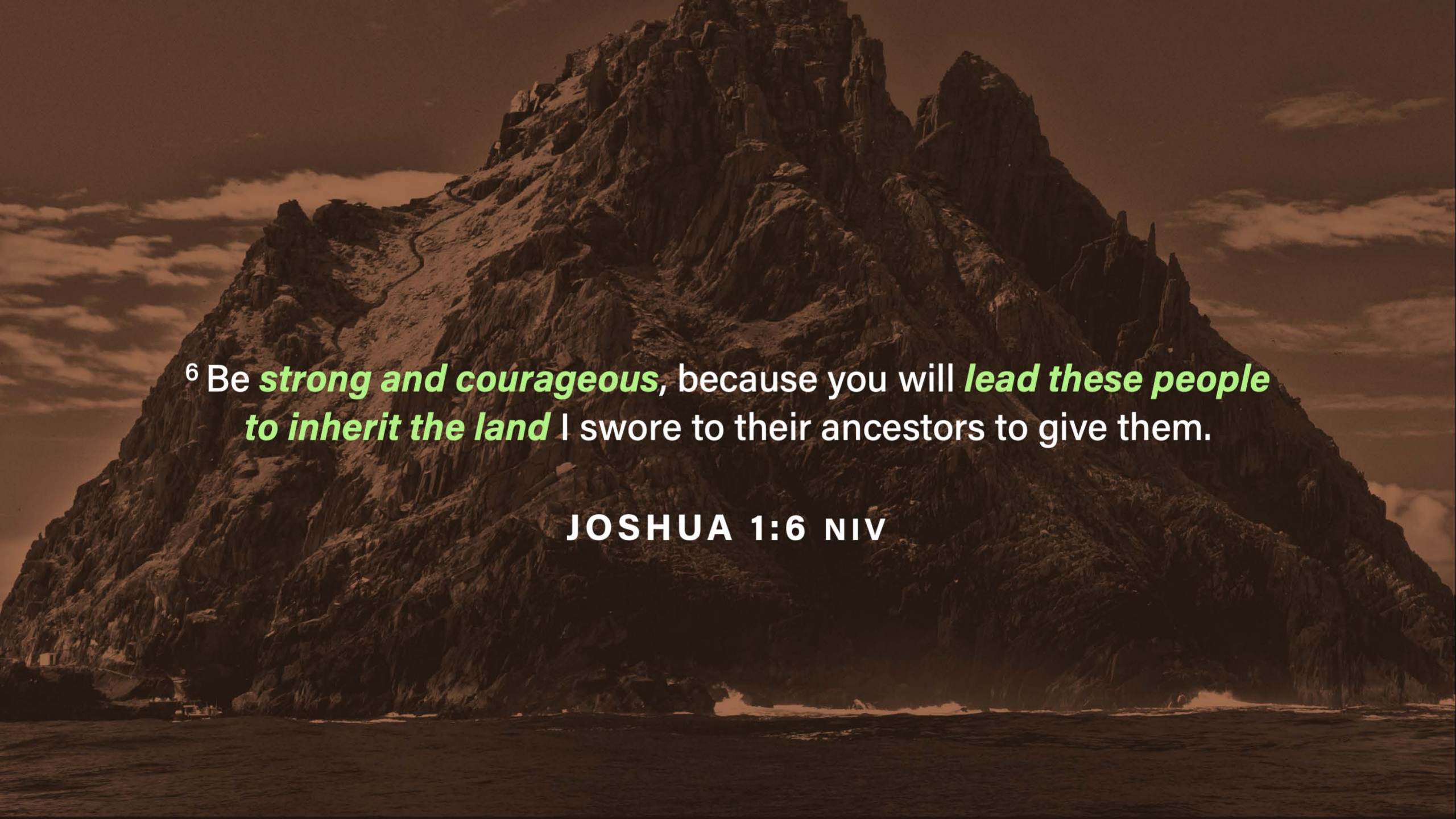
WHO WAS JOSHUA?

- His name means “Yahweh saves/delivers”
- He was Moses’ **aide** EXODUS 33:11; JOSHUA 1:1
-“**mesaret**” in Hebrew means “one who serves.”
- He was among the 12 that Moses sent to spy the Promise Land
NUMBERS 13; 14
- He was commissioned to takeover Moses as leader
NUMBERS 27:18-23; DEUTERONOMY 31:14; DEUTERONOMY 34:9



SERVE
GOD'S MISSION

JOSHUA 1:1-6



⁶ Be ***strong and courageous***, because you will ***lead these people to inherit the land*** I swore to their ancestors to give them.

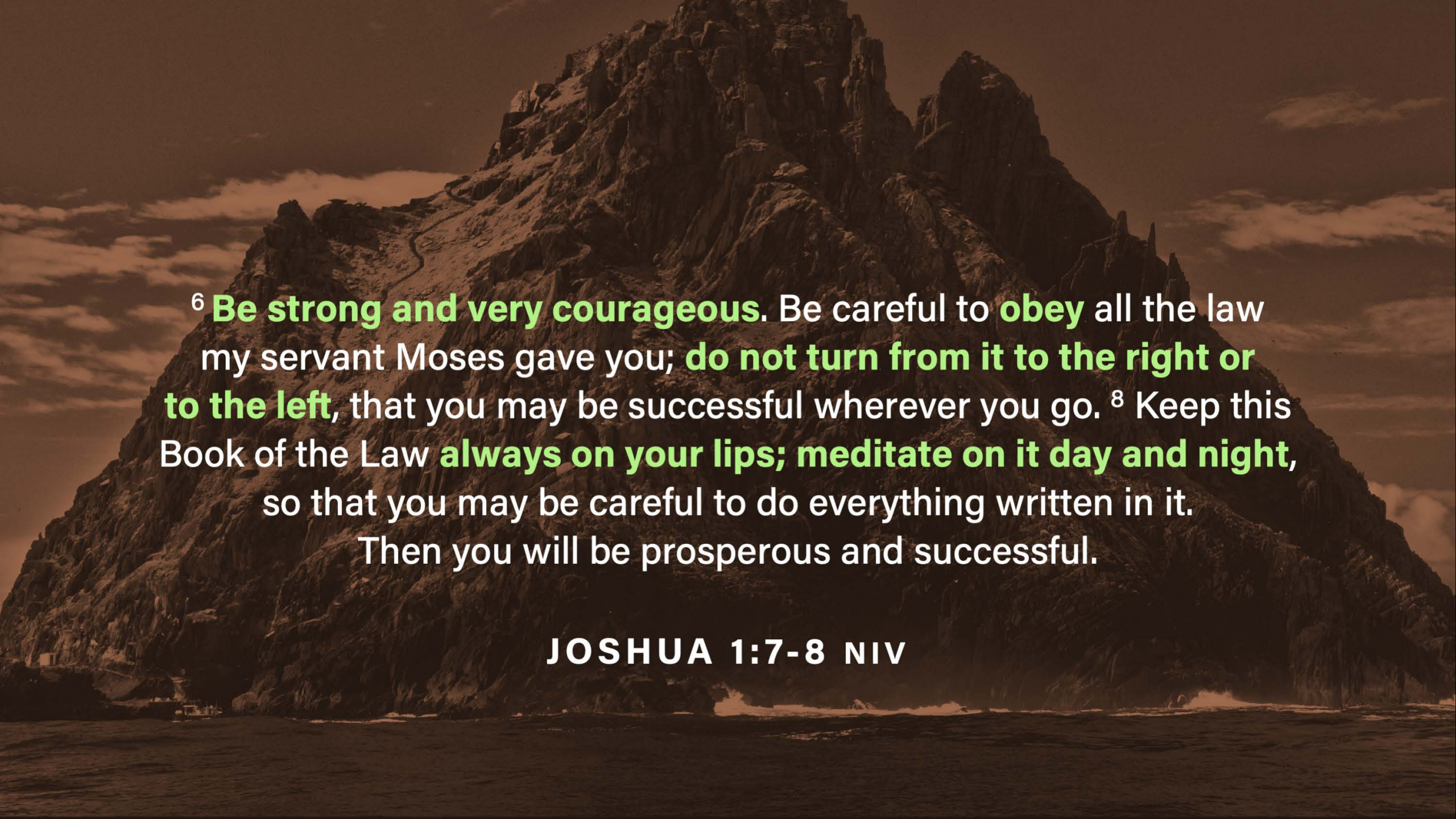
JOSHUA 1:6 NIV

LOSS, OBSTACLE, DANGERS

- The Death of Moses – an esteemed leader, the great law-giver, the servant of the Lord
- The Jordan River: said to be flowing through a deep gorge and into the Dead Sea renowned for being the lowest point on earth, at 1329 ft or 405m below sea level
- The 10 spies' report – “the cities are fortified... the people are powerful... we seemed like grasshoppers” NUMBERS 13

OBEY
GOD'S WORD

JOSHUA 1:7-8



⁶ **Be strong and very courageous.** Be careful to **obey** all the law my servant Moses gave you; **do not turn from it to the right or to the left**, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law **always on your lips; meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

JOSHUA 1:7-8 NIV

OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD — KEY TO JOSHUA'S SUCCESS

- Do not deviate right/left ...do not waver
- Keep it constantly on your lips... read aloud; speak aloud
- Meditate on it at all times

TRUST GOD'S PRESENCE

JOSHUA 1:5, 9

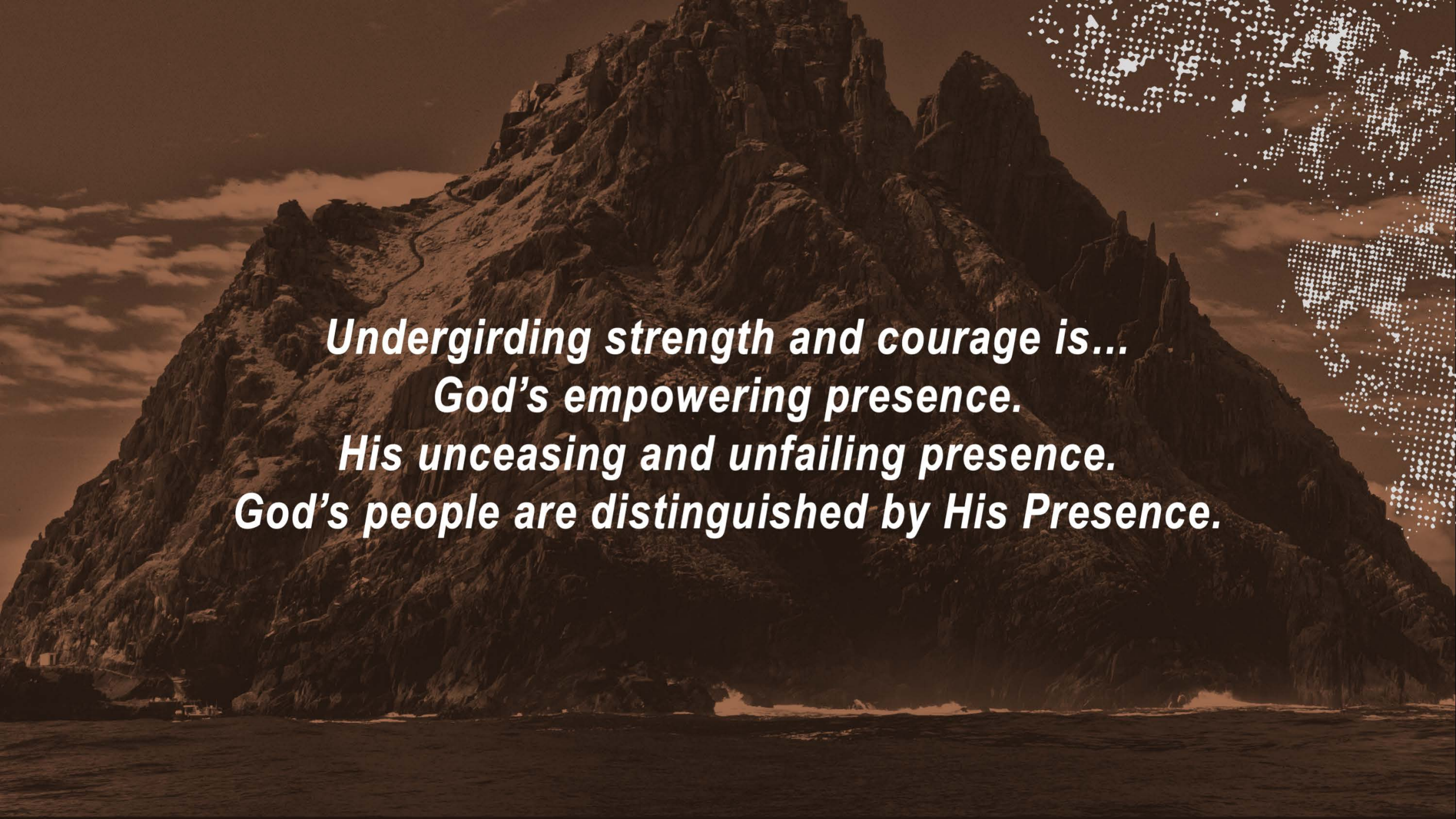


⁹ Have I not commanded you?

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 1:5, 9 NIV



***Undergirding strength and courage is...
God's empowering presence.
His unceasing and unfailing presence.
God's people are distinguished by His Presence.***

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

1. SERVE GOD'S MISSION
2. OBEY HIS WORD
3. TRUST GOD'S PRESENCE