

PROMISE KEEPER

EXPERIENCING GOD'S LIFE-TRANSFORMING PROMISES

The Promise of Closeness

Joshua 1:9

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Introduction:

- *Old Man in the Mountain*
- Israel and God's closeness – Exodus 13:21-22
- A reminder of God's closeness – Joshua 1:3, 5b
- A promise of closeness for the believer:
 - Matthew 28:20b; John 16:7b; Psalm 139:7

Because of God's promise of closeness:

I. Life's Challenges Are God's _____, v. 9a

- Gideon's situation – Judges 6:11
- Gideon's protest – Judges 6:15
- God's promise – Judges 6:16a
- "We tend to measure our _____ to get through life's challenges based on natural _____, and our natural abilities are always _____."

II. Life's Challenges Expose a _____, v. 9b

- God is describing Joshua's _____ state of _____.
- Jesus' question: "Why are you afraid?" – Mark 4:40
- Jesus' second question: "Do you still have no faith?" – Mark 4:40
- Psalm 56:3

Conclusion:

- We don't have to choose.