

Joshua's Farewell:

Be mindful !

Be firm !

Be encouraged !

Be warned !

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Be Mindful !

- Of what has been accomplished so far
- That things are about to change
- To re-anchor your perspective
 - It is the Lord who has accomplished your deliverance
 - The Lord has done this because he loves you
 - It is the Lord who has been fighting for you
- Of what you have at this point
- That it's the Lord who will continue to deliver you

Be Firm !

- **Firm:** To obey the Word of God
- In avoiding association with other gods,
and **cling** to God
- Take **diligent heed** to love the Lord your God

Be Encouraged !

- In having seen how God drove out, and will continue to drive out the nations
- In not being fearful of being out numbered
- In knowing it is the Lord who is fighting for you still
- Knowing every promise of God has come to pass

Be Warned !

- Clinging to (associating with) other nations will bring:
 - An end to God driving them out
 - A snare and a trap and a whip and thorns
 - Your own perishing from the land
- Transgressing the covenant of the Lord will bring
 - Threats
 - Destruction
 - The Lord's anger against you
 - Removal from the land

Application

- Believers need to firmly cling to God's word as his "last words" to us in this life – to hold it dear and to obey it so that we know his richest blessings in this life and the life to come
- Are you living your life such that, if you didn't get an opportunity to formulate your last words, others would still know what was in your heart that you would want them to hear?
- What words are you sharing with those who will hear their last?