

How To Prepare for a Long Journey (Pack What You Need)

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Drive-In Service

Statement: When you travel a lot you develop travel habits. In my life, I have travel bags that always stay packed. I have learned that if I do not have the basic necessities (toothbrush, deodorant, soap, flashlights, emergency medicines, back-up phones, and batteries, etc.) I could be in trouble. Each item that is packed in my travel bag has a story.

I. Things I Needed for My Journey

- **Toothpaste and Toothbrushes:** Several times, I left them and had to buy or ask for one at a hotel.
- **Flashlights:** I have been in hotels where the lights went out.
- **Batteries:** I have had many phones that ran out of power
- **Medicines:** Memphis Tennessee late at night with a stomach challenge

Side Note: I plan differently for long trips vs. short trips. Long trips require more supplies.

II. Things Joshua Needed For His Long Journey

1. He Needed to Pack Grieving Skills (Do you know how to grieve?)

- Joshua 1:1–11 (NIV): After **the death of Moses** the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, **get ready to cross** the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

2. He Needed to Pack Walking Shoes

- 3 I will give you **every place where you set your foot**, as I promised Moses.

3. He Needed to Pack Ambition (What is your expansion plan?)

- 4 **Your territory will extend** from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

4. He Needed to Pack Confidence (He had to believe in himself)

- **5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life.** As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

5. He Needed to Pack Strength, Courage and Obedience:

- **6 Be strong and courageous,** because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. **7 “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.**

6. He Needed to Pack the Scripture:

- **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. **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.”**

7. He Needed to Pack Independent Preparation (Be Responsible for Yourself)

- **10** So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: **11 “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.’”**

Note:

- A. Joshua delegated the message to the officers and leaders (v11)
- B. Joshua was given a time limit
- C. Joshua had a take possession mindset

Conclusion: Have you packed for your journey?

Next Time: Deciding to be Curious

Big Question: Are You Curious Enough?

Read Ahead: Exodus 3:1–4