Dear Lexie,

The story of Israel's journey from Egyptian bondage to their victorious march around the walls of Jericho is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. The genre of reality television that has become extremely popular of late can't hold a candle to the excitement and drama that took place on a daily basis with God's people. Think about it for a moment. Every aspect that makes this genre of television so exciting to some, of which I am not one, was a part of Israel's experience and then some. I constantly remind my students that whoever says the Bible is a boring book has definitely never read it, at least from cover to cover anyway.

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whose hearts are full of pride. God was demonstrating through His servant Moses that Israel's key to successfully making it through their wilderness trek was their utter dependence on His presence going with them. And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here." (Exodus 33:14-15).

It's important to note that the rest that God speaks of here is a byproduct of His presence being in our lives. The rest, in simple terms, is the assurance that our success in meeting the challenges that we encounter along life's journey is not going to be met in our own strength but only through the strength of the Lord. In other words, God's presence is His guarantee of our Strength for the Journey.

The challenges that await us in these final days are daunting ones indeed. We cannot meet them in our own strength. Our response, then, should not be to attempt to accomplish God's work without Him, but to "rest" in the assurance that His presence will be with us. If we are willing, as was Israel, to humble ourselves and trust in God to provide us with His strength for our journey, He will not disappoint us.

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