**ANSWER THE CALL**

**Joshua 1:1-9**

* **The Lord has been doing great things in and through the ministry of Renew Church, but He has even greater plans for Renew Church in the days years ahead.**
* **To be a part of the Lord’s great plans and purposes for Renew Church, God’s people have to answer the call like Joshua did when the Lord called him.**

***To Answer God’s Call We Have To:***

**ACCESS GOD’S PLANS**

* *“After the death of Moses the Lord’s servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant. He said, ‘Moses My servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.’”* (Joshua 1:1-2)

 ***The Lord Primarily Speaks To His People Through:***

* **HIS WORD**
	+ *“Your commandments give me understanding. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”* (Psalm 119:104-105)
	+ Jesus – *“People don’t live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”* (Matthew 4:4)
* **OTHER CHRISTIANS**
	+ *“The woman told Elijah, ‘Now I know for sure that you are a man of God, and that the Lord truly speaks through you.’”* (1 Kings 17:24)
* **LIFE’S CIRCUMSTANCES**
	+ *“He (the Lord) opens doors, and no one can shut them; He shuts doors, and no one can open them.”* (Revelation 3:7)
* **HIS SPIRIT**
	+ *“The Holy Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and walk along beside the carriage.’”* (Acts 8:29)
* Jesus - *“My sheep hear My voice . . . and follow Me.”* (John 10:27)
* ***How has the Lord been communicating to me and what has He been communicating to me?***

***To Answer God’s Call We Have To:***

**BELIEVE GOD’S PROMISES**

* The Lord - *“I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you . . .’ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.”* (Joshua 1:3-5)

 ***The Lord Has Promised His People:***

* **HIS PROVISION**
	+ *“My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:19)
* **HIS POWER**
	+ *“All glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”* (Ephesians 3:20)
* **HIS PRESENCE**
	+ The Lord -  *“(God) Himself has said, ‘I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you – I will not, I will not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake you nor let you down, nor relax my hold on you. I will not, I will not, I will not’!”* (Hebrews 13:5 Amp)
* ***Which promises of the Lord do I need to really cling to at this time in my life?***

***To Answer God’s Call We Have To:***

**COMMIT TO GOD’S PURPOSES**

* The Lord - *“Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do.”* (Joshua 1:6-7)
* The Lord - *“Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9)
* **When we access God’s plans, believe God’s promises and commit to God’s purposes, we can be assured of the Lord’s presence and power in our lives.**