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**FORWARD BY FAITH**  
Deuteronomy 31: 1-8  
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- I. **Principle #1:** God has \_\_\_\_\_ abandoned you, and He won't \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Moses led the Israelites out of captivity in Egypt and then spent 40 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the desert, to enter the  
Promised Land.
- B. When it was time to cross the Jordan River to the Promised Land, Moses  
\_\_\_\_\_ with them. (Deuteronomy 31: 1-2)
- C. The Transition for Cornerstone has been like crossing the Jordan River  
without Moses.
1. God has been with us. He has not abandoned us.
  2. God has led Cornerstone through this transition and search process.
  3. God will lead you through the transitions and difficult times in your life.
- II. **Principle #2:** When my future discourages me, I remind myself that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ will cross the river \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 31:  
3)
- A. Moses reminds the people that God will go before them as they cross the  
Jordan.
- B. There were times in the Search Process things didn't go as we had  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Despite the challenges, we \_\_\_\_\_ in God and His  
leadership in the process.
- D. When crossing the rivers of uncertainty in life, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ you through them.
- III. **Principle #3:** When my future seems unsure, I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ God has given in the past, and \_\_\_\_\_ for  
them. (Deuteronomy 31: 4-5)
- A. Moses reminds the people of how \_\_\_\_\_ victories in  
the past.
- B. Before going through the transition John reminded us of the \_\_\_\_\_  
in Cornerstone's past.
- C. God has given Cornerstone victories as we have gone through the  
transition:

D. Through the challenging times in life, \_\_\_\_\_ the victories \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

IV. **Principle #4:** I choose to put my confidence, \_\_\_\_\_ on my circumstances or my \_\_\_\_\_, but in the Lord my God, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Deuteronomy 31: 6)

A. Moses reminds the people to put their \_\_\_\_\_ who leads them, not in himself and not in Joshua.

B. The fact that God has and is continuing to work through Cornerstone is evidence that this church is \_\_\_\_\_, not a human leader.

C. If we hope to continue to be used by God, we \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and not a human leader.

V. **Conclusion:**

A. After the Israelites crossed the Jordan River without Moses, God provided a \_\_\_\_\_, Joshua.

B. Even after crossing the Jordan, the people \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in order to occupy and experience the Promised Land.

C. Cornerstone has a New Lead Pastor, but the battle to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ continues.

D. As we begin this new season in the life of Cornerstone Church, let us \_\_\_\_\_ the victories of the past, \_\_\_\_\_ God for never leaving or forsaking us, and \_\_\_\_\_ for what He has planned for us in the future.

**Application Questions:**

1. Looking back over the time of Cornerstone's transition (15 months), what are some of the challenges that you have personally faced? How have you seen God lead you through them?
2. Do you have a tendency to put more faith in human leaders than God? If so, why do you think that is so? What are the dangers of this?
3. What does the truth that, "God will never leave you or forsake you" mean to you personally? How have you experienced this truth in your life?
4. Wherever you may be in life, are you ready to "move forward in faith"? What do you think that looks like for you?
5. As Cornerstone "moves forward in faith," how do you hope to see it make a difference in the lives of people in the Quad City area?