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- <u>Reminder</u>: Our God is NOT a God of the Past – But a God of the PRESENT & *FUTURE!*

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1. Your Past Sins and Failures will Continue to Define You – As Long as You Refuse to Move Forward with Christ *(Acts 26:9-18)*

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Acts 26:9 "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

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10 And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them.

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11 And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

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12 "In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests.

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13 At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me.

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14 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

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15 And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

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16 But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you,

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17 delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you

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18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

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2. Celebrate and Honor Past Victories - But There's More to Achieve with Christ
(Note: 4 of the 7 Levitical Festivals were for Remembering God's Past Deliverances)

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3. Learn From the Past…But Don't Live There – Keep Moving Forward with Christ *(Philippians 3:12-15)*

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Philippians 3:12 **Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.**

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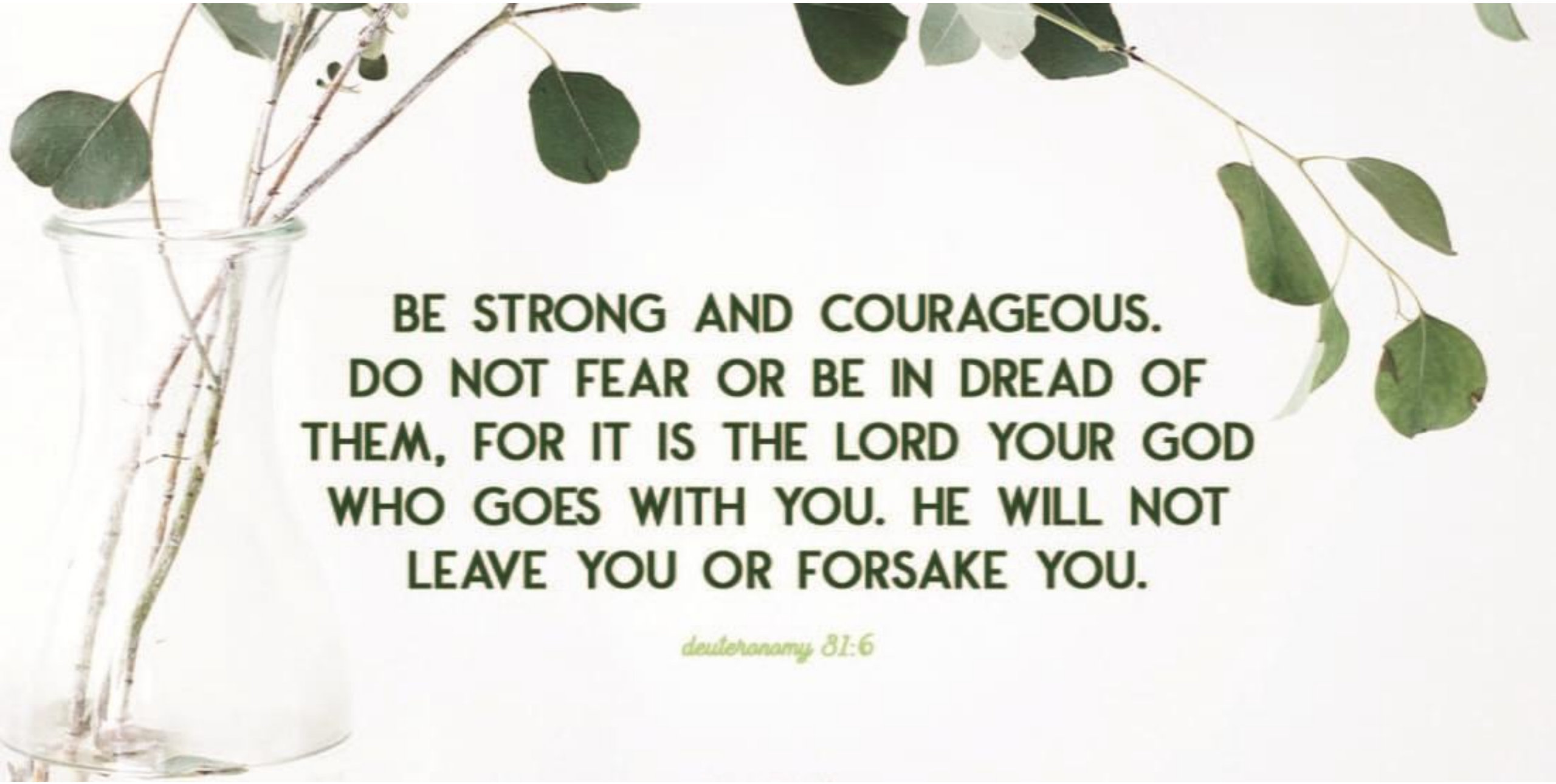
13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

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14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.


BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.
DO NOT FEAR OR BE IN DREAD OF
THEM, FOR IT IS THE LORD YOUR GOD
WHO GOES WITH YOU. HE WILL NOT
LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.
deuteronomy 31:6