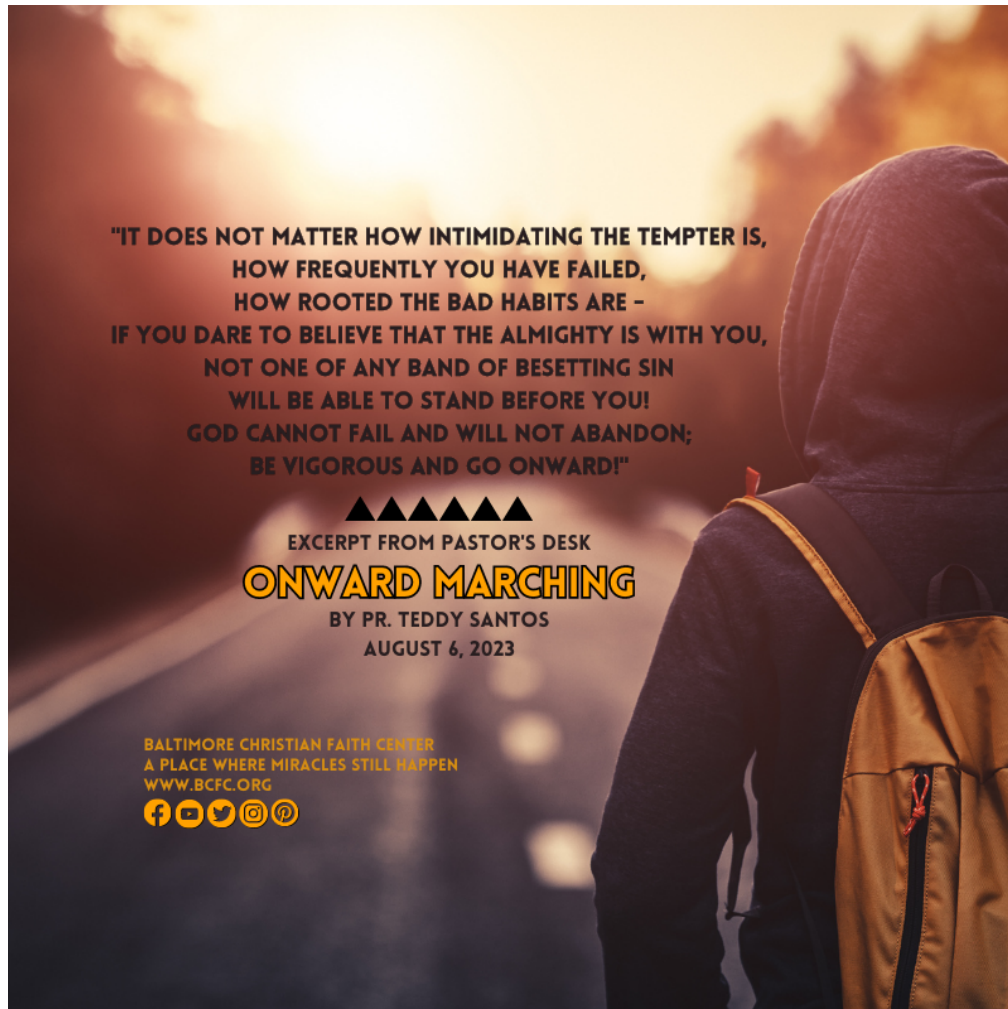


ONWARD MARCHING

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Joshua 1:9 *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

A host of young men and women stood on Jordan's threshold, waiting for the signal to enter the Promised Land. The Lord said He would give them every spot upon which the sole of their foot should walk. **Joshua 1:3** *“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.”* What a stimulus this was for pushing on! Whenever an Israelite placed his foot forward on the region of Canaan, he recognized that a piece of that land would come into his people's possession.

A counterpart of this exists in our own experience. We must remember to **put our foot down** upon the Promises of God's Word and declare: "By right these are mine and will be mine in genuine delight!" In battling your spiritual adversaries, dare to believe that The Lord has delivered them into your hand, and push forward, ensuring that no one will stand before you. God's blessed promise is: **Joshua 1:5** "No man shall *be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.*"

It does not matter how intimidating the tempter is, how frequently you have failed, how rooted the bad habits are - if you dare to believe that The Almighty is with you, not one of any band of besetting sin will be able to stand before you! God cannot fail and will not abandon; be vigorous and go onward!

At His service,
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