Greetings from your Chaplain Team to everyone,

I hope and pray that your Presidents Day was wonderful. One prayer that I lift up for every U.S. President in my lifetime, has been for Success and for Courage.

God knows they need it. Now, I am also lifting these areas up to The Lord for each of you. God knows we need it too, in all we do, day in and day out.

Winston Churchill put it this way, “Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.”

A question for all of us to ask ourselves; **How is your courage to continue?** Be honest with yourself and maybe rate it between 0 to 10.

There is a story about 2 men who were in the crash of a small plane in the desert. They both survived and eventually decided they were about 100 miles from 2 different towns. They chose one of the towns, and began walking in that direction. A couple of days later they stumbled into the town. When the townspeople saw them, they came running to help them. After caring for the 2 men, and ensuring they were going to be alright; the townspeople asked them how they did it. “How were you able to survive and walk 100 miles through the desert?”

The men answered them, and said “we didn’t walk 100 miles.” The crowd was confused as to this answer, until the 2 men clarified. “we did not walk a hundred miles, we walked 1 mile, a hundred times.”

My friends, this story helps us understand how we are going to be able to (and/or have been able to) find the courage to step by step, and day by day, succeed in every single area of our life. Family/Career/Friendships/Finances/Etc. It is the refreshing truth that we can have the courage to continue because God is with us wherever we go. We see this in our Scripture today, found in **Joshua 1:9**.

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; Do not be discouraged, for The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

I believe that we can all succeed in this area of being strong and courageous, each and every time that we consistently decide to step out in faith, not allowing fear to take over, and then receiving from God the courage to continue.

Blessings from Above, CH Robert Kinnune