

Steadfast in the Strategy

JOSHUA 1:7



2 Morning Must Haves

COFFEE



MASCARA



Joshua

1:1-4, 6

- "After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant. Moses my servant is dead. Now you and all the people prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites. I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses. Your territory will be from the wilderness and Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates River - all the land of the Hittites - and west to the Mediterranean Sea... Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their fathers to give them as an inheritance."

The background of the slide is a photograph of a rugged, arid desert landscape. In the center, a small, white, multi-story building with a flat roof and a small dome-like structure on top is built into a steep, reddish-brown rock cliff. The surrounding terrain is rocky and barren, with some sparse vegetation visible in the distance. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

Joshua 1:7-8

- "Above all, be strong and very courageous to observe carefully the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go. *This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.*"

Benefits to Eating Slowly

- Improved digestion
- Better satiety and appetite control
- Increased enjoyment of food
- Improved weight control
- Better nutritional absorption



Enemies of Steadfastness in the Word

ENEMY 1:

BUSYNESS/
HURRIED LIFE



Think
subtraction
not addition

John
Mark
Comer

The
Ruthless
Elimination
of
~~Hurry~~

Foreword
by
John
Ortberg

THE SOLUTION TO AN
OVERBUSY LIFE IS NOT MORE
TIME. IT'S TO SLOW DOWN
AND SIMPLIFY OUR LIVES
AROUND WHAT REALLY
MATTERS.

John Mark Comer

*The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally
Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern
World*



Strategy for Steadfastness

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ENEMY 2:
COMPLACENCY



Snack on the Go

The Good:

- Meant for quick burst of energy
- Stabilizes blood sugar levels

The Bad:

- Not intended for lasting sustenance
- Can curb appetite from more nutritious/ hearty meals















Strategy for Steadfastness

A person with long dark hair, wearing a reddish-brown top, is seen from the back, holding an open book. The book's pages are filled with text, and the word 'Proverbs' is clearly visible on the left page. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden chair and a light-colored wall.

*"For the waywardness of the
inexperienced will kill them,
and the complacency of fools
will destroy them."*

- Proverbs 1:32

Enemies of Steadfastness in the Word

ENEMY 3:

DISAPPOINTMENT/

HURT



Strategy for Steadfastness

A person with long dark hair, wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, is holding an open Bible. The Bible is open to a page with the word 'verbs' visible at the top. The person's hands are visible, holding the edges of the pages. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden chair.

*"Why, my soul, are you
downcast? Why so disturbed
within me? Put your hope in
God, for I will yet praise Him,
my Savior and my God."*

-Psalm 42:11

Don't retreat
from the One who
knows your pain

**Jesus experienced
betrayal,
loneliness,
disappointment,
frustration, church
hurt, grief**

God alone is
faithful, God alone is
enough, and God
alone is able to rewrite
our stories of pain to
be more beautiful
than we could ever
think of or imagine.

ALICE MATAGORA



When the
strategy
doesn't make
sense...



Joshua 6:1-3

- “Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in. But the Lord said to Joshua, ‘See, I have handed Jericho over to you, with its king and the valiant warriors. And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.



Joshua 6:4-5

- “ Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. It shall be that when they make as long blast with the rams’ horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight ahead.”

Chapter 34

STEADFAST

LOVE &

MERCY

HOSEA 2:19



The Strategy Requires *Surrender*

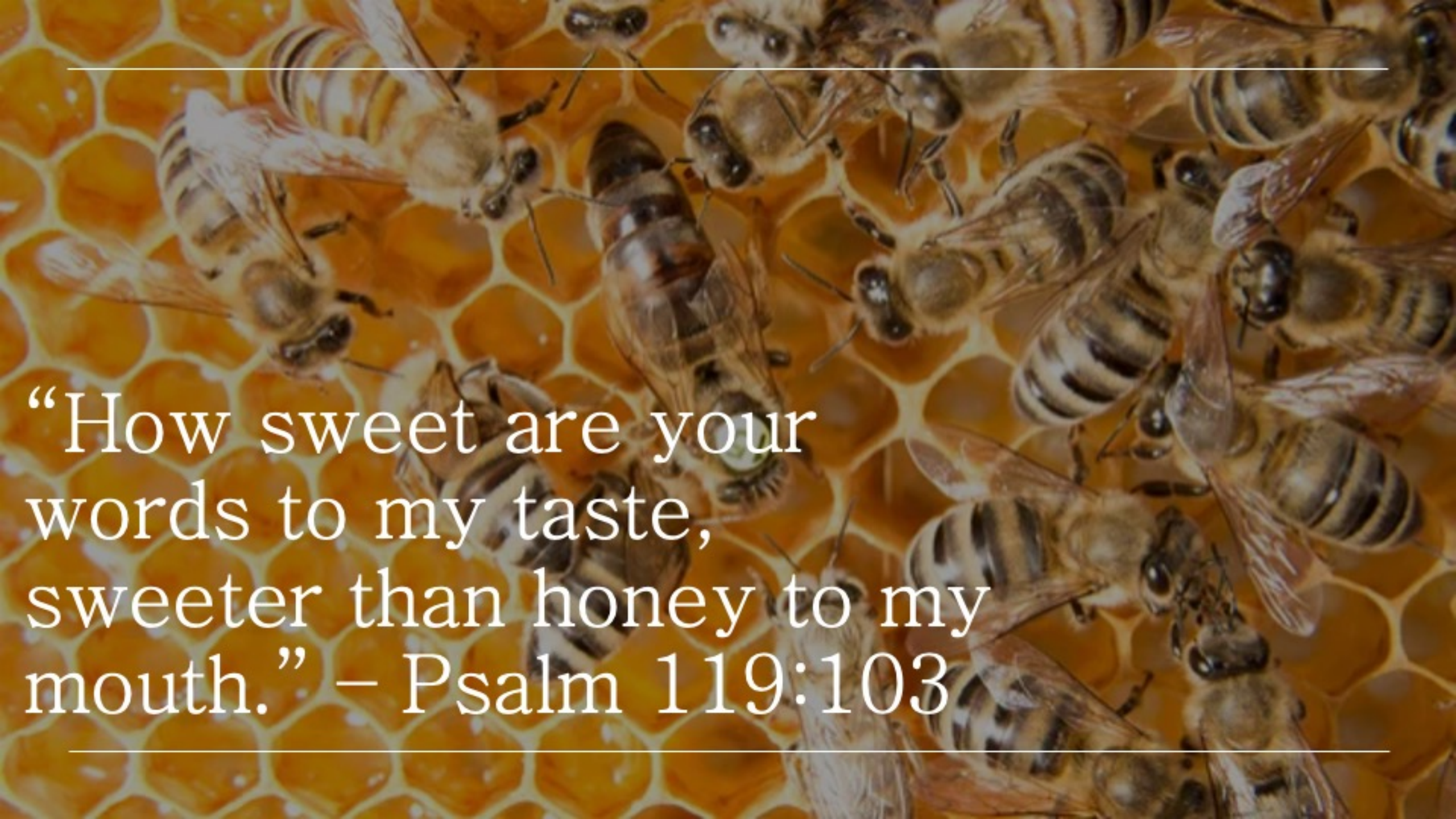
"Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go." -Joshua 1:7



The Word is the Strategy

- Resisting Temptation
- Developing Spiritual Growth
- Navigating Relationships
- Handling Conflict healthily
- Direction on Decisions
- Experience Lasting Joy and Hope
- Wrestling with Fear/Anxiety
- Finding Healing/Freedom
- Loving Difficult People
- Dealing with Unforgiveness
- Discovering Your True Identity





“How sweet are your
words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my
mouth.” – Psalm 119:103

Meeting
with God is
less like a
library and
more like a
coffee shop



Inhale:

Let the word of
Christ

Exhale:

Dwell in me richly

– Colossians 3:16

