

Theme: Overcoming despair.

Scripture: Joshua 1:2-9

Text: Joshua 1:2a--"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore, arise, go...."

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Introduction:

1. Scrip. circumstances & summary.

2. Parallel to life today.

3. Shows necessity of continuing life after grief, and points way to do so best.

I. Grief strikes. Scrip. incident.

1. Colored soldier in "Whence Cometh My Help.

2. National concern over Roosevelt's death.

II. Awakening. Life must go on.

1. Either life goes on, or more grief by ruining or taking

own life.

2. Negro soldier realized it of wife & then of self.

3. Even before Roosevelt buried Truman sworn in.

4. Even so in private life.

III. Then, do something constructive & important.

Scrip. incident "GO over this Jordan."

1. Negro soldier went to altar to God, and out to comfort.

2. Nation turned to leadership available & eventually affirmed it in power after Roosevelt.

3. Doing takes mind off failures or sorrows of yesterday and uncertainties of tomorrow and accomplishes something now.

4. Best doing is for a supreme cause: Nation during war. Disciples after Pentecost. Joy greater if cause is same as disciples.