



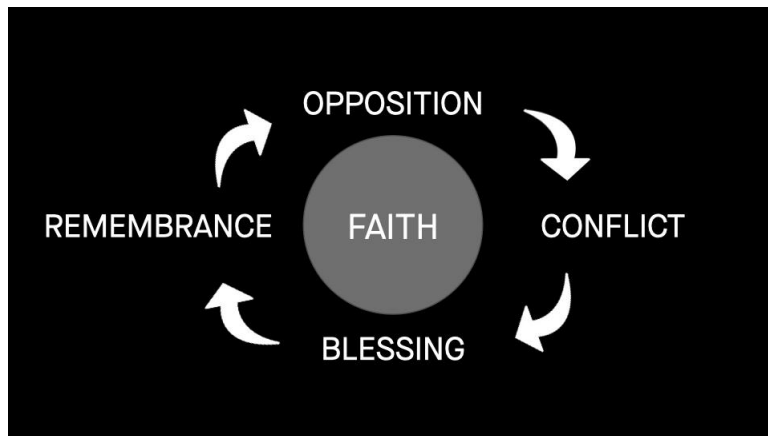
# REALITY

## Signposts to Destiny

Joshua

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First Sign: Opposition

Joshua 3

Opposition is often affirmation.

Faith or Faint

“Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard. Choose your hard. Being in debt is hard. Being financially disciplined is hard. Choose your hard. Obesity is hard. Being fit is hard. Choose your hard (and if I may add). Pursuing Destiny is hard. Settling for less than destiny is hard. Choose your hard.

Life will never be easy. It will always be hard. But we can choose our hard. Pick wisely.”

Life’s greatest satisfactions are tied to life’s greatest sacrifices.

Second Sign: Conflict

Joshua 1

### **Joshua 1:8-9**

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

“The only thing I see that is distinctly different about me is: I’m not afraid to die on a treadmill. I will not be overworked, period. You might have more talent than me, you might be smarter than me, you might be sexier than me. You might be all of those things. You got it on me in nine categories. But if we get on the treadmill together, there’s two things: you’re getting off first, or I’m going to die. It’s really that simple.”

- Will Smith, as quoted in Angela Duckworth’s *Grit*

Third Sign: Destiny

Joshua 21:44-45

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And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the

LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Fourth Sign: Remember  
Joshua 4

Because remembering fuels our faith for future battles.