

Possessing The Promise: Joshua

Joshua 1:6 *Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.*

1. **“Mourn & Move”** – take the time to mourn, move through the stages of grief, process hurt and wounds

Joshua 1:2 *Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.*

2. **“Preparation Precedes Possession”** – the action or process of making ready.....Possess: to take possession, inherit, dispossess

Joshua 1:10-11 *Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹ “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’”*

3. **“Obedience Leads to Possession”**

Joshua 1:16-18 *So they answered Joshua, saying, “All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷ Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the Lord your God be with you, as He was with Moses. ¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage.”*

4. **“Follow the Priests”**

Joshua 3:3-4 *... and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. ⁴ Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.”*

5. “Consecrate Yourselves”

Joshua 3:5 *And Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify (**set apart**) yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.”*

Romans 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 *Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! 16 And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, “The two are united into one.”[d] 17 But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. 18 Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. 19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*