

Joshua Part 1 HANDOUT

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Joshua is one of the greatest stories of faith - one of the most relevant books you will ever read for victorious Christian living.

Joshua - young leader, God will use to bring His people into the land

- God delivered them out of Egypt
- Now we arrive at the Promised Land

KEY: God always brings you out of something that so He can bring you into something (Deut. 6:23)

- God always finishes what He starts

KEY: God first chooses a leader.

JOSHUA 1:2-5 - 2 “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

- God makes a promise - as I was with Moses, **I will be with you**

Exodus 33:7-11 ... 11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

- Joshua was so captivated by the presence of God that he couldn't take his eyes off this moment and he couldn't take his heart away from this encounter with God.

JOSHUA 1:6-7 - Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

- Stay focused on what I've already taught you and be careful to do all that I've commanded you to do.

JOSHUA 1:8-9 - Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Courage: Confidence in God’s ability in the face of uncertainty about our own abilities or circumstances around us.

JOSHUA 2:11 ¹¹When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

Rahab - we understand who you are and we know that God delivered you

KEY: While the people were struggling to believe that God was able, a prostitute named Rahab in a fortified city, had heard the rumor of God’s mighty deliverance and the people were terrified because of the power of God

JOSHUA 2:24 - ²⁴They said to Joshua, “The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

TODAY: Maybe we need a perspective shift today

We need the faith of Rahab. We need the courage of Joshua.

LIFE POINT: We can trust that God will bring us through life’s challenges when we faithfully follow Him.