

Good morning TAC! Today is March 22nd 2026.

We couldn't be more excited and honored to be bringing you the word this morning! As we get started today, consider what **Ecc 12:10-11** says:

- **Ecclesiastes 12:10–11 (NIV)**

10 The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true.

11 The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings **like firmly embedded nails**—given by one shepherd.

This morning, we ask for your full and undivided attention, that the word would be driven deep into your hearts like firmly embedded nails—and that you yourselves would become like nails, fixed and immovable wherever you go.

Consider this: a nail only becomes secure through the repeated striking of a hammer, each blow positioning it until it is set in place. And once it is fully driven in, it no longer moves—it remains firm, established, and unshaken.

These true words are the convictions that we stand on. As we move through the word today, what you are going to see is how heaven born convictions, that are firmly established, will not only cause you to stand firm **but MUST produce faith-filled, obedient action!**

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Saints, we are in the year of the Sword and Bow.

And we have just completed the series "**Encountering Israel: Deepening convictions.**"

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## Encountering Israel: Deepening Convictions

### 1. Gihon — Awakening

God initiated salvation; His life begins to flow through the man of God, and the heart of man is opened.

### 2. Hermon — Confrontation

The enemy resists, identity is contested, and through this process, conviction is forged.

### 3. Kidron — Decision

Daily choices shape destiny, and salvation becomes, not just a moment, but a path both lived and walked upon.

### 4. Valley of Kings — Pressing

God refines through pressure; obedience is perfected, and anointing is produced.

### 5. Adullam — Formation

Seasons of hidden obscurity develop kings—disciples become leaders, and what was just a calling becomes ingrained character.

### 6. Tabernacle — Assembly

The dwelling of God is built with unlikely materials that are stripped down and covered with hammered gold.

### 7. Hebron — Purpose

God's promises require a lifelong fight of faith that forms us into people who are raised to resurrection hope.

### 8. Megiddo — Prevailing

Our preparation now will cause us to prevail in the final and ultimate battle at the end of days.

### 9. Caesarea Maritima — As You Go

Our mission is to move forward with unwavering conviction, boldly bearing witness to the hope of The Resurrection.

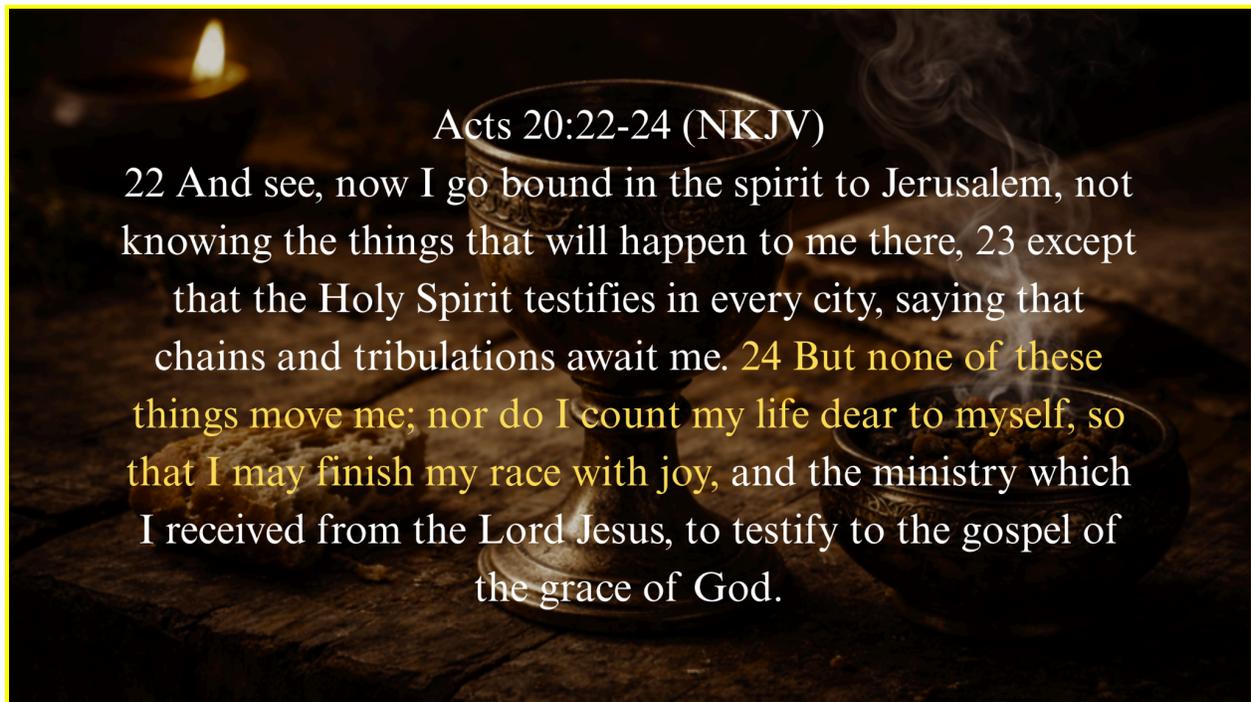
Who was blessed by this series? Actually, we always ask that question... who wasn't blessed by this series? Church, these messages are not meant to just inspire, but to change us—and they will bless you deeply if you give them your full attention and apply them in every area of your life. What we've seen is this: there is a great difference from beliefs that, though strongly held, only stir emotion and leave your life unchanged, and convictions that move you to action!

In the modern-day Church, belief has often been reduced to a strongly held set of ideas that functions more like eternal fire insurance than true conviction. Unfortunately, "conviction" and "doctrine" have become synonymous—but doctrine alone requires no action; convictions do. The Word of God shows us that genuine belief produces a unified, offensive, and zealous people—advancing the kingdom of God effectively.

Last week, we learned what it meant to be an intercessor, and that prayer without action is useless, and action without prayer is foolish. We want to further this topic today.

Remember Acts 20:22-24 from last week to see how Paul is instructing and encouraging the Church

**(READ SLIDE)**



This is a man we admire—a man whose life has greatly impacted us. And what marked Paul was this: he understood that the Word of God was not given merely to be studied, but to be obeyed. It was never meant to sit as a theological trophy collecting dust on a shelf. He carried heaven-born convictions that compelled obedient action!

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Before we step into the word for today, we want to briefly share a few key truths that have blessed us from our brothers at LCM as they've been walking through

the book of Joshua in Foundations—truths that will help us as we move forward in this message.

When you think about the book of Joshua, what are some things that come to mind? Shout them out!....

How come no one (or a few) said Prophet??? Joshua is the first book in the section of Scriptures which Jesus called the Prophets:

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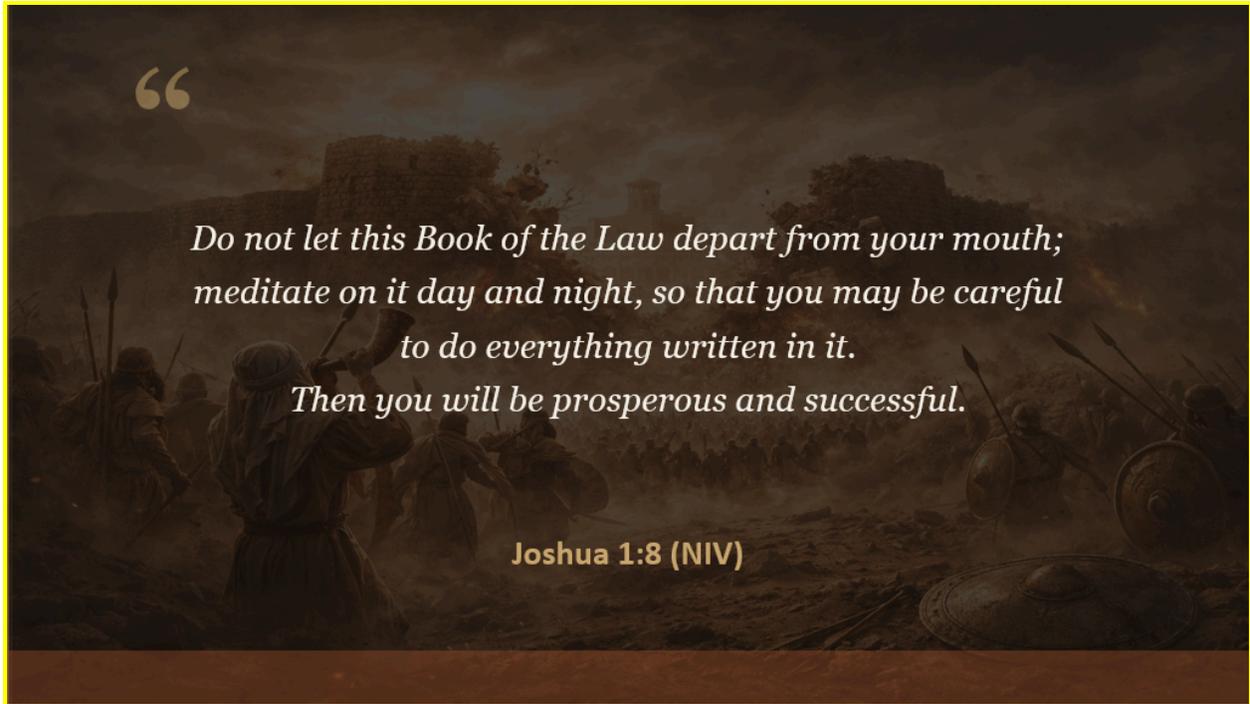


Joshua wrote the first book in the section of scripture that is known as the “Prophets.” Although modern scholars have categorized Joshua as interesting biblical history, we know that the book of Joshua is far more than history—it is a prophetic declaration of how **God fulfills His promises through a people who walk** in courageous, obedient, faith-filled convictions.

Joshua’s placement at the head of the Nevi’im is therefore not arbitrary. It is the first prophetic word spoken to a people whose hearts have been formed by the

Torah. It begins the great prophetic narrative that runs from the Promised Land into captivity, and it opens with the fiercest possible call to obedience:

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The Torah has formed the heart; now the first prophet tells the soul what **faithfulness looks like in action—and what happens when action is absent.**

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Let's consider a bit about the man, Joshua, before moving on.

**Read and Explain**

# THE MAN JOSHUA

1. A firstborn son saved by the blood of the Lamb
2. A spirit-filled answer to Moses' prayer
3. Author of Deuteronomy 34:4-12 – the student who honored the teacher
4. The ḥakam – lead disciple of Moses
5. One of only two who completed the journey
6. Nearly stoned for standing with the LORD
7. First appearance: chosen to fight

It took a mighty man to take the land.... A man not too different than us...  
Once a slave, Saved by the blood, **Subsequent** to his salvation he was filled with  
the spirit just like us  
he was one of the few who completed his work, a task we are striving to do.  
He was persecuted, a promise Jesus gave to all those who followed,  
and he was a fighter to the core, just like we are becoming!

The title of our message today:



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## Main Body:

Turn in your Bibles to Joshua 1.

For context Moses has just died, and Joshua is taking on the responsibility of leading the people. The Lord is encountering and instructing Joshua on the action he must take.

- **Joshua 1:2–6 (LSB)**

2       “Moses My servant is dead; so now **arise, cross this Jordan**, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

3       “**Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you**, just as I spoke to Moses.

4       “From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.

5      **“No man will *be able to stand before you* all the days of your life.** Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; **I will not fail you or forsake you.**

6      **“Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land** which I swore to their fathers to give them.

The Lord is giving Joshua direction on where he is to go and what he is to do, "Cross this Jordan... no man will stand before you." he is giving him a promise to hold onto while he attempts to obey the direction of the Lord. As we will see—Joshua does NOT receive the land by hearing a promise alone, **he receives it as his feet continually stepped into the land for conquest.** The Promise was given before the movement, but Joshua's ownership of that conviction and his fierce obedience, proved he trusted in the validity of the promise.

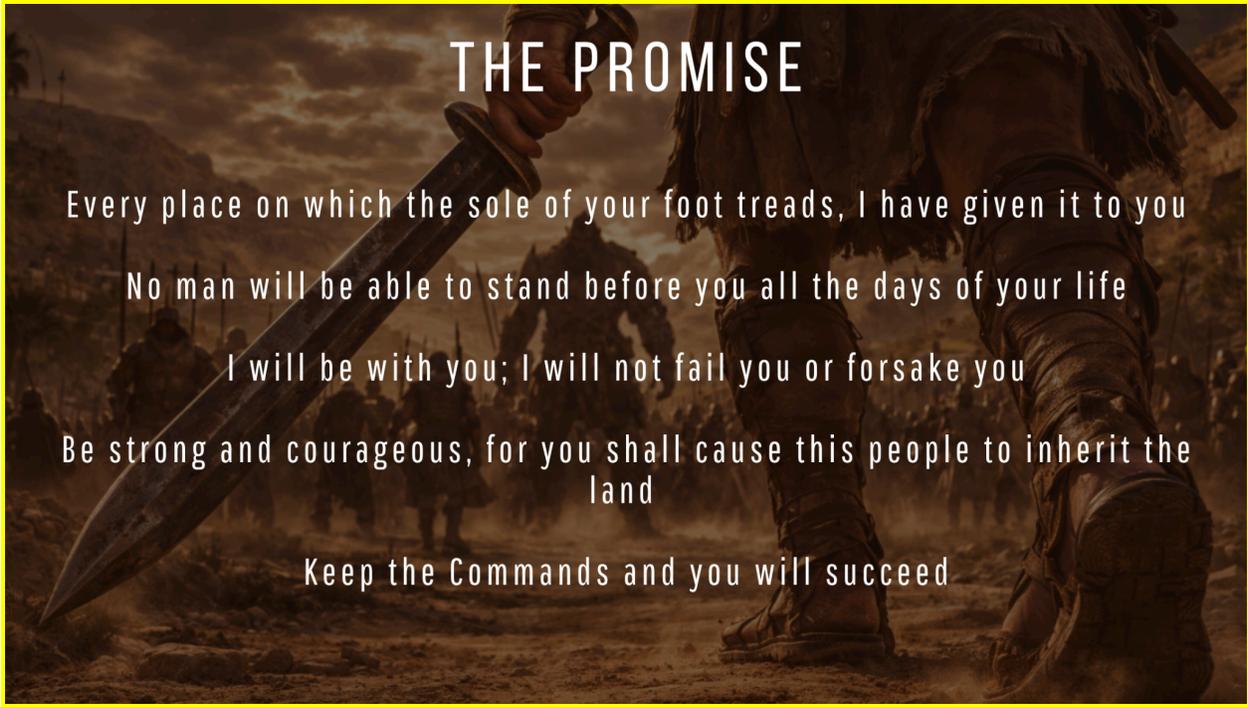
- **Joshua 1:7–8 (LSB)**

7      **“Only be strong and very courageous to be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, so that you may be prosperous wherever you go.**

8      **“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 successful, and then you will be prosperous.**

Do you see how there is a promise given?

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The LSB nails verse 7, in Hebrew the word *raq*, means "ONLY" the phrase is only "Be strong and very courageous". Not be strong and courageous along with all the other things you're feeling, not if you feel ready, (*no one will ever feel fully prepared before they go*) ONLY be strong and courageous. There is no alternative, hold fast to what he has already spoken and **only be strong and courageous and let the word of God infuse conviction into you.**

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We are going to look at multiple examples in the life of Joshua, demonstrating **how he walked in convictions based on these words of God.** Let's start in Chapter 7 verse 5.

Joshua just lead the people into war against Ai. This was right after they decimated Jericho and were at peak confidence! Yet, one man was unfaithful to the Lord's command to devote to destruction certain items from Jericho which lead to the Israelite army being routed by the army of Ai.

Imagine the kind of fall this would have felt like for the people of Israel! They are undefeated and on top of the world... then they lose.

- **Joshua 7:5–13 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

<sup>6</sup> Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads.

The people's hearts melted, Joshua TORE his clothes in distress, Joshua and the elders all were in a state of mourning! This is the first loss that Israel has experienced in the land! Can you see how this would be a major shock and very alarming for the people? The promise was "no man will stand before you." and here they find themselves experiencing their first loss EVER.

- **Joshua 7:7-9 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the

Jordan!" <sup>8</sup> O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs

before their enemies!" <sup>9</sup> For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And **what will you do for your great name?"**

Joshua asks the Lord what He will do for His name...  
Look at how the Lord responds!

- **Joshua 7:10 (ESV)**

**10** The Lord said to Joshua, “Get up! Why have you fallen on your face?”

(PREACH)

Get up! Don't you think Joshua would be thinking about the command to "**ONLY be strong and courageous?**"

The beautiful aspect of this passage is that the answer of how will the Lord vindicate His name—is in Joshua getting up in **obedience to the word! This was the conviction that lead to Action!**

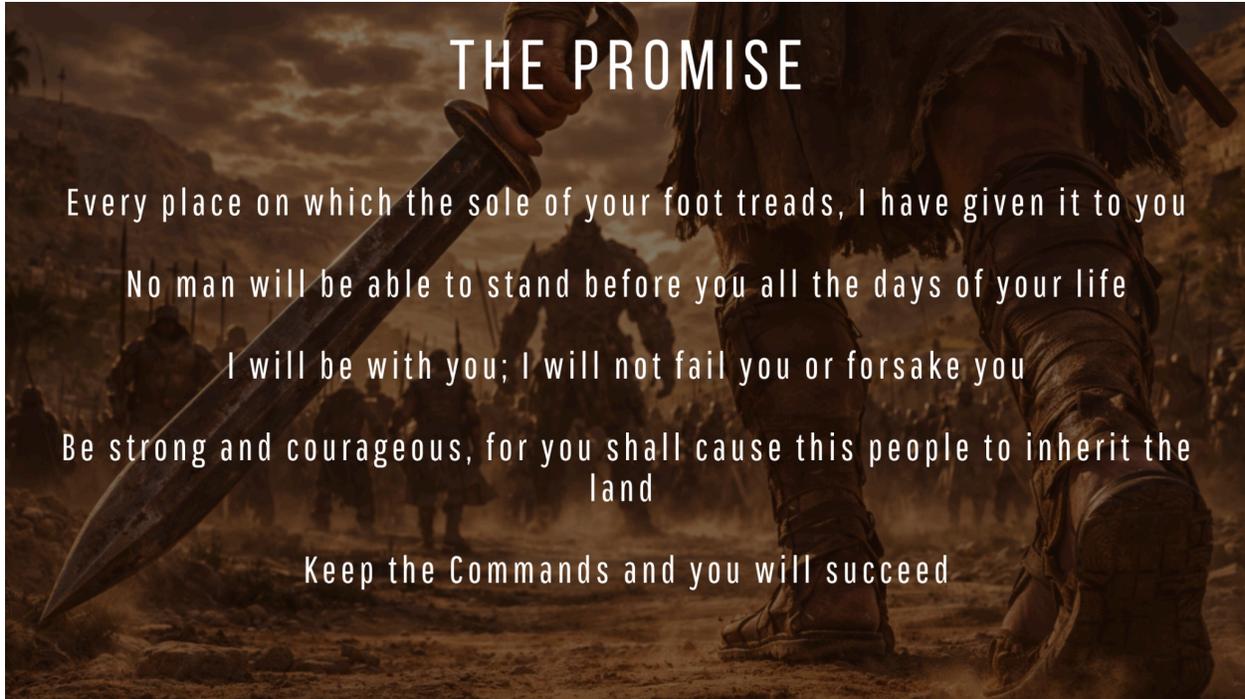
- **Joshua 7:11–13 (ESV)**

11 “Israel has sinned, and they have also trespassed against My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things devoted to destruction and have both stolen and dealt falsely. Moreover, they have also put *them* among their own things.

12 “Therefore the sons of Israel **cannot rise** before their enemies; **they turn *their* backs before their enemies**, for they have become devoted to destruction. **I will not be with you anymore** unless you destroy the things devoted to destruction from your midst.

God tells Joshua that Israel broke the commands, so they did not succeed. **THEY** cannot stand before **THEIR** enemies! His presence would NOT go with them! The very thing that makes them distinct! This should make you consider the promises given to Joshua in Chapter 1.

Joshua already had the word to tell him exactly what needed to be done. God reaffirms it in this passage.



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Lets continue in verse 13.

13      “**Rise up!** Set the people apart as holy and say, ‘Set yourselves apart as holy for tomorrow, for thus Yahweh, the God of Israel, has said, ‘There are things devoted to destruction in your midst, O Israel. You cannot rise before your enemies until you have removed the things devoted to destruction from your midst.’”

God gives the command to Joshua to Get up again to deal with the issue.

- **Joshua 7:16 (ESV)**

16      So Joshua **rose** early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

**Joshua Rose up!**

Take note. This is a seemingly low moment for Joshua and all Israel! They know the promises of God, they recognize that the Lord has called them to become His people, His people who would take the land, and show the glory of His name to the rest of the nations!

And the answer to the issue of the people's sin and what God would do for His great name was — for **Joshua to get up and obey the command! AND HE DOES!** **As Joshua walked forth in his conviction**, God provided supernatural aid in exposing the sin, and providing a heavenly battle plan for victory!

Joshua walking out his conviction lead to the success of the entire nation!

- The Lord reminded Joshua of the word he had already spoken
- You have the word! The Solution to the problem is you having conviction that produces obedient action!

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In Joshua 3:7 look at how God forecasted there would be humbling moments like this.

- **Joshua 3:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

Joshua 3:7 features Yahweh proclaiming to Joshua that, “this day I will begin” to exalt you or make you great. The word for, "begin" is chalal (2490 ,לָלַח).

**(Pierced Slide)**

A warrior in a battle scene, holding a sword, with other soldiers in the background. The scene is set in a dusty, hazy environment, likely a battlefield. The warrior is in the foreground, wearing armor and holding a sword. Other soldiers are visible in the background, some on horseback and some on foot. The overall atmosphere is one of a fierce battle.

**PIERCED/PROFANED**

I. ללך vb. bore, **pierce** — Qal pierced (wounded). Pi. wound. Pu. pierced. Po'el pierced. Po'al **pierced, wounded.**

vb. **pollute**, [S2490 TWOT660, 660e, 661 GK2725, 2726, 2727 ללך] ,defile, **profane**; Hiph. also begin (lit. untie, loosen, open

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon

This moment in Joshua 7 was the piercing, wounding, profaning process of God beginning to exalt him.

You'll remember this slide from foundations:

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Joshua has learned from Moses how to be a master of step 3: RECOVER! How many times did he see Moses in this very position, faced with his own leadership failures and the sin of the nation, now HE must become the Savior Israel needs, just like Moses was for decades. He stood on the conviction of the word he had received in the promise given to him in chapter 3—as I was with Moses, I will be with you.

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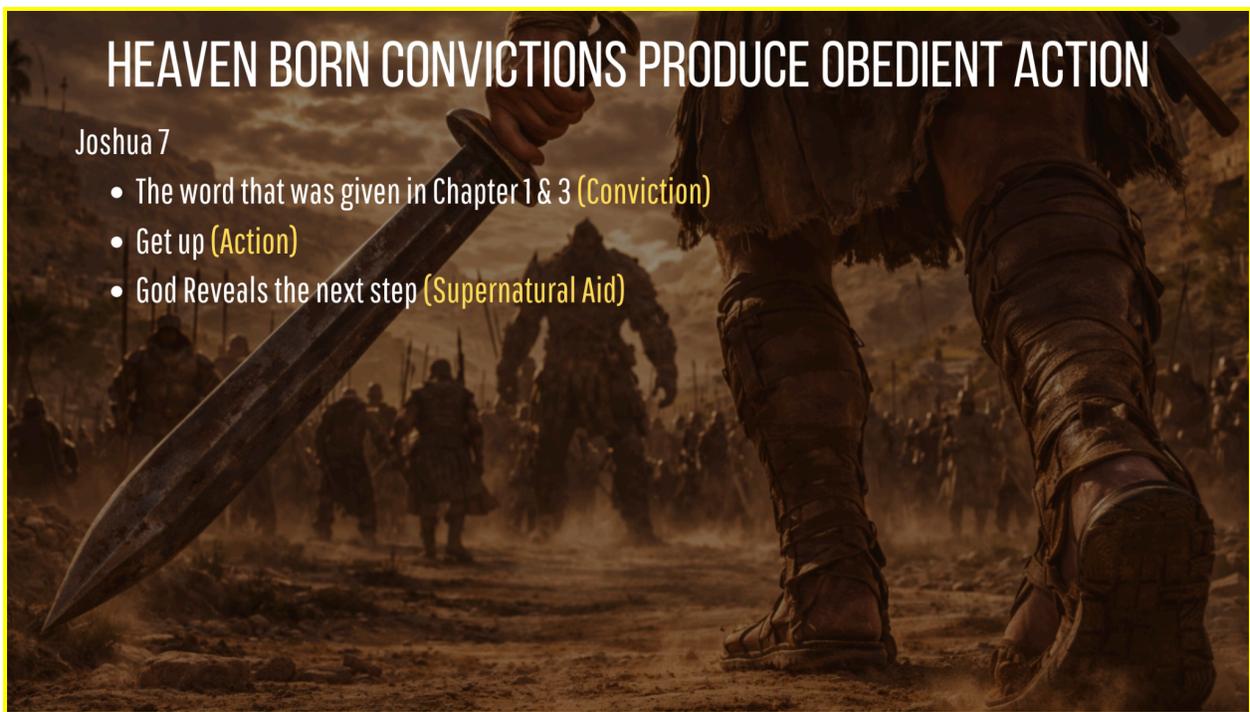
Know that as a man, who is attempting to walk out your convictions, you will be pierced. It shouldn't take you by surprise! The answer is the same, Get Up and take action according to the word that was given!

Joshua is on his face, and most of us wince at this moment in Joshua's story because it is seemingly a moment of failure. But like Moses, Joshua GOES TO GOD and DOES what is commanded! This is how the this process of exaltation starts. First a piercing and then glory.

## ENSURE THE BODY UNDERSTANDS THIS CONNECTION

This should bring great encouragement for all the men in this body. You know the embarrassment, shame, and heaviness when sin is present in your camp. AND THERE'S GOOD NEWS! This is a necessary moment in your process to become exalted from these low moments. You have the solution to vindicating the name of God in your family... the words he has given you already—and it requires you to RISE UP in obedient action! This is where your convictions come from!

### (RECAP SLIDE)



**HEAVEN BORN CONVICTIONS PRODUCE OBEDIENT ACTION**

Joshua 7

- The word that was given in Chapter 1 & 3 (Conviction)
- Get up (Action)
- God Reveals the next step (Supernatural Aid)

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Joshua did not have a onetime moment of standing on his convictions. He **continually** walked them out every moment, every day, and every fight. Do you want to hear another story from the life of Joshua?

Turn in your bibles to Joshua chapter 10 with us.

- **Joshua 10:1-6 (ESV)**

1 As soon as Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, **heard how Joshua had captured Ai and had devoted it to destruction, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king**, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, 2 he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were warriors. 3 So Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 “Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel.” 5 Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, “Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us.”

### **(CONTEXT - ASA)**

If you don't remember the story, this is a very weighty moment for Joshua.

Five Kings are about to attack Gibeah. Joshua had made a covenant with Gibeah in less than ideal circumstances when they did not seek counsel from the Lord...

Joshua is in a moment when he has given his word to Gibeah and must keep it to protect a nation that God had told the Israelites they were to destroy!

This moment has many moving parts and is not an ideal situation.

This could be a very convenient situation for Joshua to see his enemies destroyed!

Do you think Joshua made a conviction in this moment or did he already have a conviction that he now has a chance to walk out?

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Look at Numbers 30:1-2. Might this be something Joshua is thinking about?

- **Numbers 30:1-2 (ESV)**

1 Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the people of Israel, saying, "This is what the LORD has commanded. 2 If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Joshua knew the Law. He was a man who had success because he kept it!

Let's continue and see how Joshua walked out his convictions.

- **Joshua 10:8-14 (ESV)**

8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you."

Does this sound familiar to what God told Joshua in chapter 1? (expound)

- **Joshua 10:9-14 (ESV)**

9 So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. 10 And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11 And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who

died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

**(HOLY GAUCOMOLE)**



Do you see how the Lord Accomplished more than the people were able to in battle?

But they had to march all night first and show up for the battle.

- **Joshua 10:8-14 (ESV)**

12 At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

“Sun, stand still at Gibeon,  
and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,  
until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. 14 There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel.

Isn't this odd **how** Joshua just goes up to help Gibeah? He didn't call for the EPHOD? He didn't fast and pray for 7 days...

How could he have so much confidence that they would be victorious? Why was he so urgent so as to march through the night and attack when his men would have still been exhausted?

Joshua had such confidence because he was walking out a heaven-born conviction in obedience to God's word.

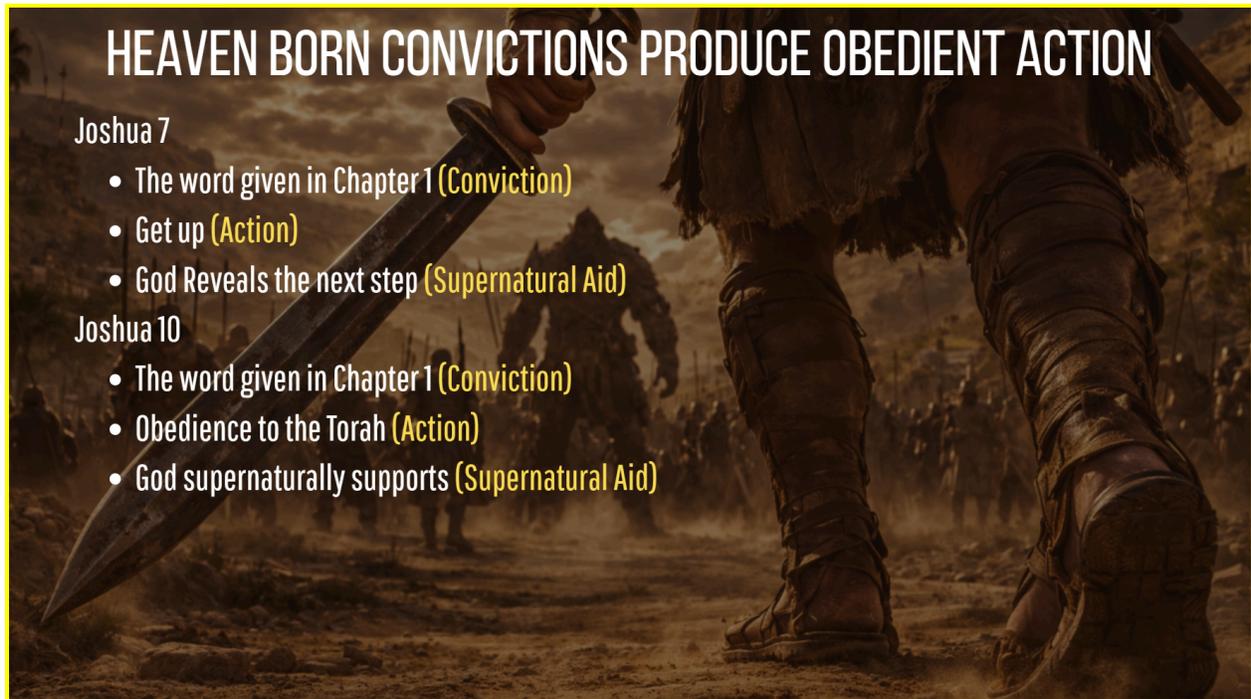
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I don't know if you truly appreciate the insane nature of this story. Joshua and Israel have won miraculous victories in the past, but here we see the people of Israel defeat 5 kings at once, hailstones from heaven destroy the enemies of Israel, and God put a pause on the natural order of the universe at the word of a man, all because a man of God walked out his convictions.

**Joshua had the word, that was where his conviction came from!**

Saints, Joshua is not exceptional, he is exemplary. Do you see what is possible when walking out heaven born convictions? God will supernaturally move heaven and earth to partner with you! Let's not forget that their convictions cost them greatly. They had to march a long way through the night, fight with no sleep, and fight an overwhelming force! If your convictions cost you nothing, they are worth nothing. Walking out your convictions will cost you greatly, BUT THE COST IS IRRELEVANT because the supernatural power of God will partner with you to see his will accomplished. Let's revisit the pattern.

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## HEAVEN BORN CONVICTIONS PRODUCE OBEDIENT ACTION

Joshua 7

- The word given in Chapter 1 (Conviction)
- Get up (Action)
- God Reveals the next step (Supernatural Aid)

Joshua 10

- The word given in Chapter 1 (Conviction)
- Obedience to the Torah (Action)
- God supernaturally supports (Supernatural Aid)

(potential Ezra/Nehemiah tie-in)

- This is not just a Joshua thing
  - It doesn't require the sun to stand still.
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Let's look at another moment where these promises given to Joshua in Chapter 1 played an essential part for the conquest of the Land.

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- **Joshua 17:14–16 (LSB)**

**14** Then the sons of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, “Why have you given me only one lot and one portion for an inheritance, since I am a numerous people whom Yahweh has thus far blessed?”

The tribe of Joseph comes to Joshua saying we are too numerous, "Why have you given us only one allotment and one portion for an inheritance?"

They recognize that they are growing and that the Lord is blessing them and that they need more space. They recognize the need, but they are looking for the solution in the wrong place.

15 And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go up to the forest and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you."

Look at the sons of Joseph's words in vs 16, Joshua is drawing out their heart to get to the actual issue.

16 And the sons of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the valley land have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth-shean and its towns and those who are in the valley of Jezreel."

They respond that the chariots of iron are too strong... the real problem is the fear in their own hearts, not the external enemy...

Listen to Joshua's response

- **Joshua 17:17-18 (NIV84)**

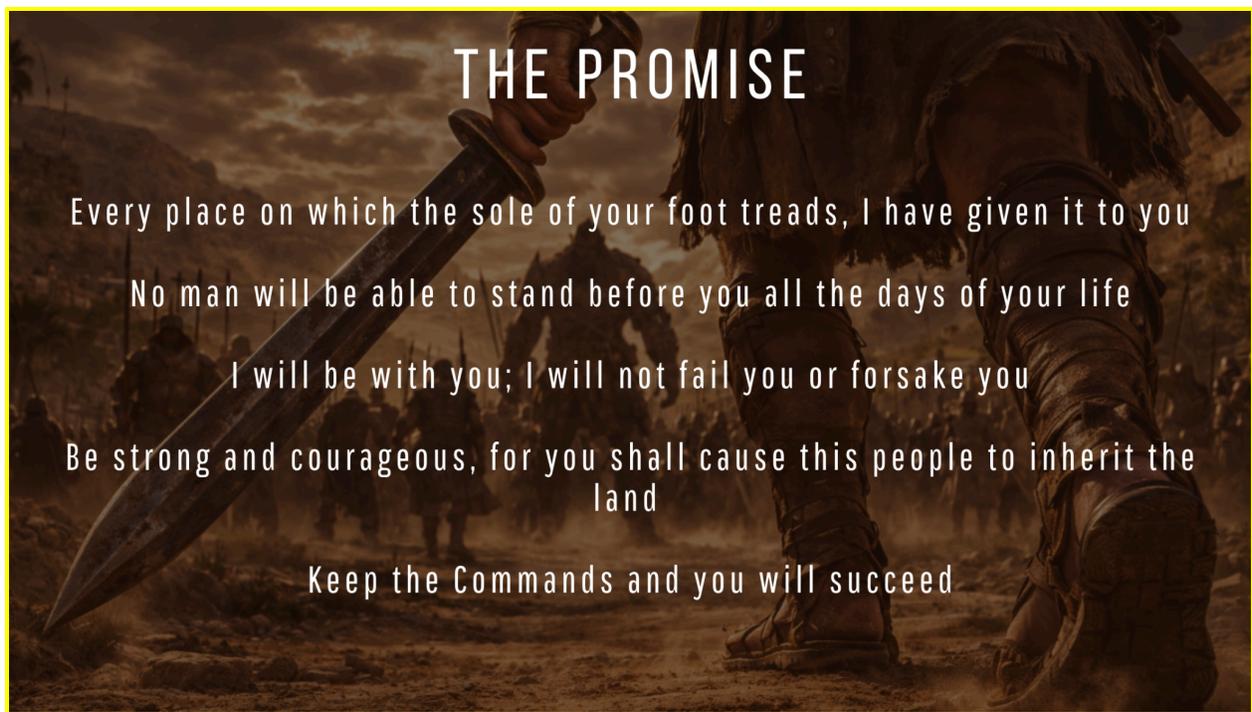
17 But Joshua said to the house of Joseph — to Ephraim and Manasseh — **"You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment 18 but the forested hill country as well. Clear it,** and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have iron chariots and **though they are strong, you can drive them out."**

Joshua reminds them of the truth from the original word that God spoke to HIM!  
He is showing them, no matter the circumstance the answer is to walk in  
heaven-born conviction.

**These men had the word! That was where their conviction was to come from!**

Think about Joshua's words to the sons of Joseph in light of the Promise from  
Chapter 1

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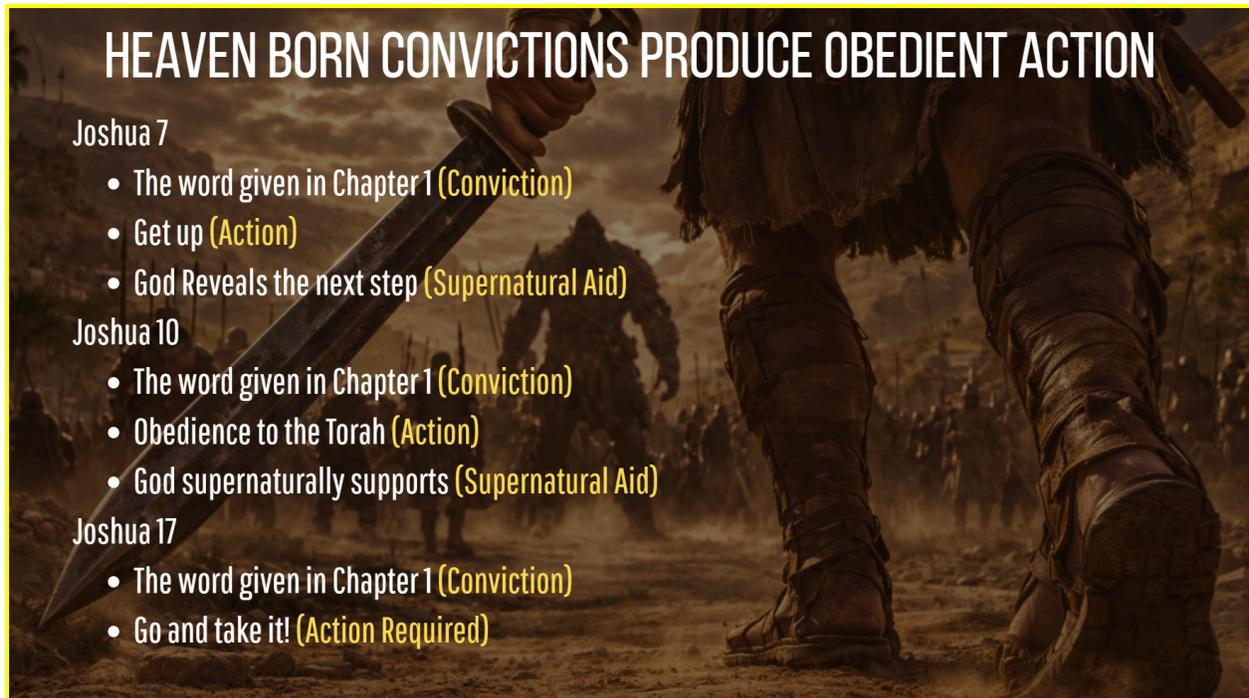
Can you see how this was a conviction that Joshua walked out, and is now passing  
on to the men of Israel?

These men have seen the miraculous victories that Israel has won. They've  
watched Joshua walk in his convictions, they have seen the action that these

heaven born convictions produced. Yet... it was required of them to learn to walk in these heaven born convictions themselves through obedient action.

Let's recap what we have covered so far to tie this all together.

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Joshua 17

- The word given in Chapter 1 (Conviction)
- Go and take it! (Action Required)

Saints, through this message, we have continually tried to help reframe our perspective on the nature of conviction. Your convictions are offensive in nature. Your life is the opportunity to walk in your convictions! Through all of this, Joshua walked out his convictions. Like Pastor Slaughter said in foundations, "when you think of a 'leader', you should think 'example'." Now, we see Joshua teaching others to walk in their convictions.

We MUST continually walk out heaven born convictions, and it will result in us being able to teach others to do the same.

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We are going to go look at a comparison of Joshua 23 and Joshua 1, and see how Joshua not only held onto the word of the Lord in his life, but he transferred it to the people.

- **Joshua 23:6–11 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> “Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. <sup>7</sup> Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. <sup>8</sup> But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now.

<sup>9</sup> “The Lord has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. <sup>10</sup> One of you routs a thousand, because the Lord your God fights for you, **just as he promised.** <sup>11</sup> So be very careful to love the Lord your God.

Joshua speaks 3 major charges to the congregation in this portion.

1. Be strong and courageous
2. Obey the Book of the Law
3. The Lord is the one who brings success

In light of this consider what the Lord spoke to Joshua in Chapter 1

- **Joshua 1:7–9 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> “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.<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup> 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.”

Do you see how the promise that was forged into Joshua in Chapter 1 was what he was passing on to the entire nation in chapter 23?

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**THE WORD PASSED ON...**

**JOSHUA 23:6–11 (NIV)**

- Be strong and courageous (v. 6a)
- Obey The Book of the Law (v. 6b)
- The Lord is the one who brings success (v. 9)

**JOSHUA 1:7–9 (NIV)**

- Be strong and courageous (v. 7)
- Obey the Book of the Law (v. 8a)
- The Lord will give you success (v. 8b)

**Ultimately the heaven born conviction Joshua has walked in and passed down was this:**

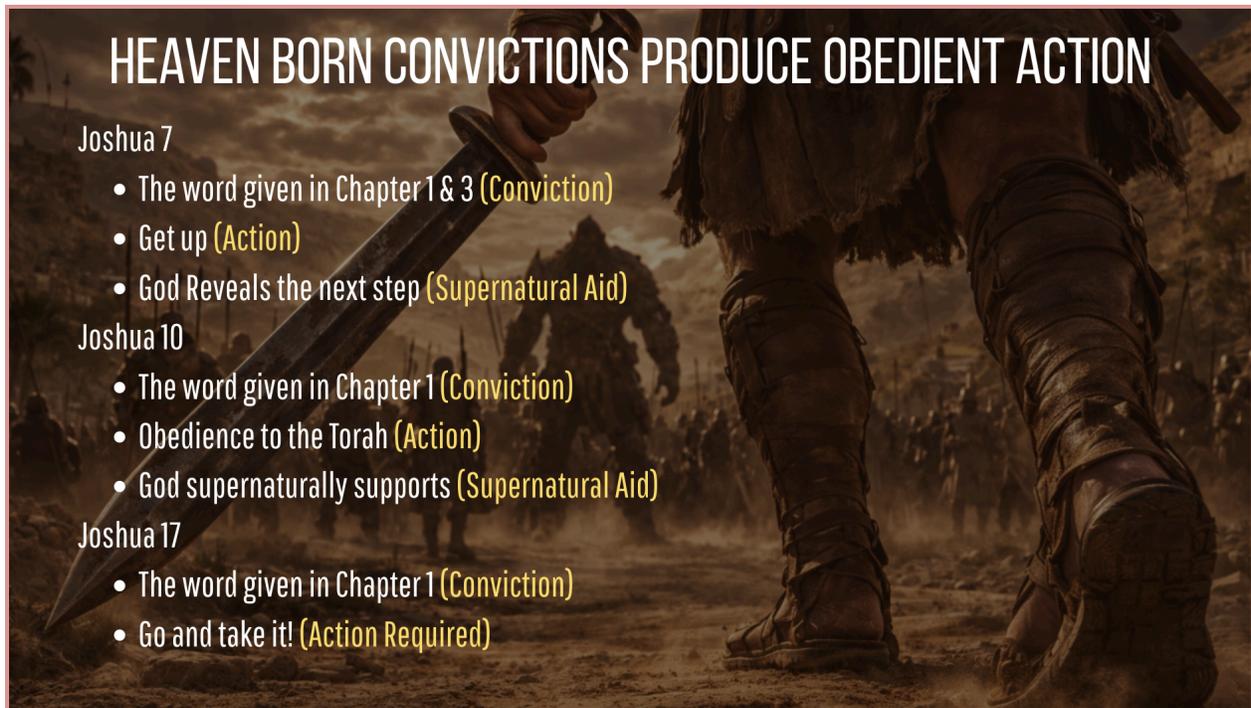
**The Word of God is true.**

**This produced obedient action.**

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Take a look at this slide again:

**(DO NOT READ)**



## HEAVEN BORN CONVICTIONS PRODUCE OBEDIENT ACTION

Joshua 7

- The word given in Chapter 1 & 3 (Conviction)
- Get up (Action)
- God Reveals the next step (Supernatural Aid)

Joshua 10

- The word given in Chapter 1 (Conviction)
- Obedience to the Torah (Action)
- God supernaturally supports (Supernatural Aid)

Joshua 17

- The word given in Chapter 1 (Conviction)
- Go and take it! (Action Required)

In Joshua 7 & 10, conviction produced obedient action and no man could stand against Joshua. Notice in Joshua 17, action is required but we do not see that action played out by the house of Joseph... The question that 17 & 23 seem to be begging is, will you be a man of conviction? If you are a man of conviction, you will produce obedient action, and you will see the supernatural aid of God in your life.

We are coming to a close in our message, before we do so, we want to show you one more passage about how Joshua not only walked in heaven born conviction, but also charged those following Him to do the same!

While you are not fighting actual giants every day, I imagine you can relate to Joshua and having to stay up all night and lose sleep to walk out their conviction to fight on behalf of those they are in covenant with!

Or, just maybe, you can relate to needing to stand on the word as you move to recover/help others recover from sin in the camp despite immense loss around you. We have said it before and we will say it again, Joshua is not extraordinary, he is exemplary.

To make this clear to you how you are called to walk out conviction, we need to dive a little bit into the name Joshua.

**[READ SLIDE]**

**THREE STAGES OF A PROPHETIC NAME**

HOSHEA - H1954	YEHOShUA - H3091	YESHUA - H3442
"deliverance." He was destined to be a deliverer-the raw material awaiting divine transformation.	Moses prefixed a yod representing Yahweh's name. Born a deliverer; declared to be Yahweh's salvation.	The contracted form-the precise Hebrew of "Jesus." Joshua was made God's deliverer; Jesus was God's deliverer from birth.
(Numbers 13:8)	(Numbers 13:16)	(Nehemiah 8:17)

Baker, W., & Carpenter, E. E. (2003). In The complete word study dictionary: Old Testament (p. 261). AMG Publishers.

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Remember from the beginning of our message how we went through the prophetic nature of the book of Joshua. You can see it is a prophetic pattern of Jesus' ministry. If you want to understand the heart of Jesus, look at the life of Joshua!

Just as Joshua (Yeshua) commanded the people to walk in conviction by keeping the commands of God, so did Joshua (Yeshua) the Messiah, command His disciples to do the same.

- **Matthew 28:19–20 (LSB)**

19      “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
20      teaching them to **keep all that I commanded you**; and  
behold, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**”

Church, you have been given a commission from our king! Do you believe the word of God is true? (Yes!)

Then we are required to **WALK IN HEAVEN BORN CONVICTION** by keeping the Commands of God that **produce OBEDIENT ACTION**. If we do this **NO MAN CAN STAND AGAINST US** because our King is with us.

When you walk out of here to advance the kingdom, ask yourself: WWJD, "What would Joshua do?" We must have offensive convictions. Not Defensive, not passive. **\*we are at war (armor up (stones, convictions) - preach this** Joshua's heart was formed by the word, yours must be also!

We are going to close this message with a victorious close! Now our minds have been renewed to treat our convictions as requiring obedient action every day, we must go and perform every moment out there, what we practiced in here. If you are feeling a need to repent at this altar, do it with your actions by standing victoriously, worshiping our king, and showing him that you are ready to walk out your convictions with obedient actions!