

## ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE AND MOVE ON

### Lesson 1 Part A

**Series Subject: Accept the Challenge and Move On**  
**Lesson 1: Exhortation to Conquer (Josh. 1)**  
**Lesson 1 Part A: A Charge to Joshua (Josh. 1:1-9)**

#### INTRODUCTION

##### A. The Book of Joshua

1. The Book of Joshua is a story of conquest and fulfilled promises for the people of God.
  - (a) Israel was enslaved and afflicted for many years in Egypt then wandered in the wilderness for 40 years.
  - (b) Finally, they were allowed to enter the Promised Land.
  - (c) Abraham was always a migrant, never possessed the land to which he was sent (Heb. 11:8-10) ... *“sojourn”* v. 9 KJV; indicate *“temporary residence”*. Although he did not personally possess the land, he left to his children the legacy of God’s covenant (Gen. 12:7; 15:1; 16, 18; 17:8; 50:24; Ex. 6:1-8, NB v. 8).
  - (d) God has never failed to keep His promises (Rom. 4:21; 2 Peter 3:9) and in the Book of Joshua we see God using Joshua to turn that promise (Gen. 12:7; etc.) into reality.
2. What unfolds in the Book of Joshua is the commencement of the next phase in Israel’s history.
  - (a) Where Deuteronomy ends the Book of Joshua begins; the unfolding of God’s promises to the fullest extent!!
  - (b) At this point (Josh. 1) the tribes of Israel are still camped on the east side of the River Jordan.
    - (1) The Book of Joshua opens with God’s command to move forward and pass through the river Jordan on dry ground.
    - (2) This charge, beloved, is an *“Exhortation to Conquer!”* It’s time to move forward and possess what is duly theirs by covenant with God.
  - (c) The rest of the Book of Joshua relates the conquest and occupation of the Promised Land.
3. It’s early in the lesson but I feel compelled to note the importance of acknowledging that God is our prized possession!!
  - (a) Someone says: *“Take the whole world but give me Jesus.”*
  - (b) See Psalm 16, NB Vv. 5, 6 (KJV)... note: *“portion”, “cup”, “inheritance”, “and lot.”*  
**Psa. 16:6 NKJV**  
*“The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good heritage.”*

- (c) The Messiah's heritage is the redemption of man and the establishment of genuine righteousness to the glory of God, all made possible through Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3-14; Rev. Chaps. 21-22).

## B. Brief Analysis of the Person, "Joshua."

*A brief presentation...*

### 1. The name "Joshua" (Briefly noted)

- (a) Joshua's original name was "Hosehea," which means "salvation," or "He saves," or "He helps." (Num. 13:8, 16; Deut. 32:44).
- (b) The name "Joshua" means "the Lord is my salvation."  
 (1) It is also translated "Yahweh is salvation" or "Jehovah the Savior."  
 (2) The term "Yahweh" or "Jehovah" refer to God (*Details not possible at this time*)
- The Hebrew usage for "Yahweh" was "YHWH" as revealed to Moses ... four Hebrew consonants.
  - "Jehovah" is the Latin of "Yahweh" which should be spelt "Iehovah" because there was no "J" in Latin.
  - "Jehovah" has become the accepted term.
- (c) One of the Hebrew alternative titles for Joshua is "Yehoshua" which means "Yahweh is deliverance."
- (d) The Greek usage for "Joshua" is "Jesus."  
 (1) Note carefully Acts 7:45 and Heb. 4:8  
 (2) "Jesus" as used in both references in the KJV is translated "Joshua" in the NKJV and other translations.

### 2. "Joshua" the son of Nun of the tribe of Ephraim is regarded as a "type of Christ."

#### (a) Observed in the Geek usage.

As noted before, the Greek usage for "Joshua" is "Jesus" (Acts 7:45; Heb. 4:8).

#### (b) Joshua and Jesus were divinely appointed

Joshua was divinely appointed (Num. 27:18-23; Josh. 1:1-2). Jesus Christ was appointed as the Savior of men (Isa. 42:1; Heb. 1:1-2; 10:9).

#### (c) A type of Christ by the meaning of his name.

In the glorious meaning of his name, Joshua and Jesus have the same comprehensive meaning: "Savior" ("Deliverer"). Joshua's salvation (deliverance) was temporal and limited (the Book of Joshua); salvation of Jesus Christ includes a numberless multitude and eternal life (Rev. 7:9-17; Eph. 2:6-13; 1 John 5:13)

#### (d) Joshua (the son of Nun) was the servant and successor of Moses ("servant" or "minister")

Joshua was the servant of Moses (Ex. 33:11; Num. 11:28) as well as his successor (Josh. 1:1-9); even so Jesus Christ and His gospel succeed the whole Mosaic ritual (John 1:17; Gal. 2:16, 21; 3:15-25, NB Vv. 24-25); the gospel of Jesus is superior (Rom. 8:3-4; Heb. 7:11-22).

#### (e) Joshua was the commander and leader of his people

Joshua was to publish God's law and the people were to obey it (Josh. 1:10-18, NB Vv.16-18). Jesus Christ is the Commander and Redeemer of all mankind (Isa. 55:4; Deut. 18:15; Heb. 2:9-18); and head of the Church (Universal) (Eph. 4:15; Col. 1:18).

(f) **Joshua conducted the people through Jordan on dry land.**

Israel passing through Jordan on dry land was used of God to publicly magnify Joshua before all Israel (Josh. 1:10-18; also chaps. 3 and 4). It was the same renowned river God publicly magnified Jesus Christ at the inception of His earthly ministry (Matt. 3:13-17).

(g) **God used Joshua to crumble the great walls of Jericho.**

God used Joshua to conquer Jericho, bringing down its well fortified walls through means of what would be regarded as weak and insignificant means (Josh. 6 NB v. 5). Jesus Christ the Captain of our souls breaks down Satan's stronghold and gives full deliverance (Mark 5:1-20; Luke 4:18; John 8, NB Vv. 31-32, 34-36).

(h) **Through Joshua a gentile family was delivered from destruction.**

Joshua was a means of reaching a Gentile woman and her family (Josh. 6:22-25). Rahab was an abandoned character, a harlot with a bad reputation but found mercy (Heb. 11:31; James 2:25). God through His grace and mercy has reached out to the entire world through Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:11-13; John 3:16).

(i) **God used Joshua as leader and conqueror**

God used Joshua as a conqueror, leading his people in the conquest and occupation of the Promise Land (The Book of Joshua). Jesus Christ is a Conqueror (John 16:33; Rev. 1:8; 6:2; 17:14); believers are conquerors through Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:1, 37; 2 Cor. 2:14; 10:14).

(j) **Joshua brought his people into the Promise Land**

Joshua brought the Israelites into the Promise Land and divided the land among the tribes (Josh. 1:1-9; chaps. 14-19, 24). Jesus Christ our fore-runner entered and took possession of heavenly Canaan for His people, which assures eternal rest for all believers (1 Thess. 4:1-17; 1 Cor. 15; Heb. 4, NB Vv. 9-16; Rev. 14:13; chaps. 21-22).

**C. The Facts are Explicit! The Command Has Been Enforced! Obedience is Expected!!**

1. You have been exhorted to conquer and occupy.
  - (a) The promise has been made for so many years.
  - (b) It's time for action! Quit yourself like men and stand in the strength of God!
2. The reality must be faced and the expectations met!!
  - (a) God commanded His people to conquer the Canaanites and take all their land. Completing this mission would fulfill God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12, NB Vv. 1-3; 17, NB Vv. 1-8 and 9-13).
  - (b) The Israelites were faithful in accomplishing their mission at first but their commitment faltered. Unfortunately, Israel never fully finished the assignment.
  - (c) **Important Reminders!**

- (1) To love God means more than being enthusiastic about Him. We must complete all the work He has given us and apply His instructions to **every area of our lives**.
- (2) **Oh! Beloved, we have a charge to keep and a God to glorify!!**
  - We must occupy, that is utilize our all until He returns because the night is coming when no man can work (Eph. 5:8-21, NB v. 16; John 9:4).
  - God wants us to be salt and light!! (Matt. 5:13-16). The call for all believers is: **“To the Work to the Work; we are servants of God!! “Accept the Challenge and Move On!!”** We do so in the strength of the Lord!!

#### D. THE OUTLINE (Lesson 1 Part A only)

1. **Series Subject:** Accept the Challenge and Move On
2. **Lesson 1:** Exhortation to Conquer (Josh. 1)
3. **Lesson 1 Part A:** The Charge to Joshua (Josh. 1:1-9)
4. **Lesson 1 Part B:** Command Given to the People (Josh. 1:10-18)
5. **Main Points for Lesson 1 Part A** (Josh. 1:1-9)
  - (a) Assignment Vv. 1-4
  - (b) Assurance Vv. 5, 9
  - (c) Attracted Determination Vv. 6, 7, 9
  - (d) Anchored Vv. 7-8

#### Joshua 1:2, 6-7 English Standard Version (ESV)

“Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ... Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give to them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.”

#### A. ASSIGNMENT Josh. 1:1-4

##### *The willingness to undertake rest upon a clear assignment.*

#### NOTE:

- (a) God’s work done God’s way will bring His success.
  - (b) The standard for success, however, is not to be set by the society around us but by God’s Word.
  - (c) We must adjust our minds to God’s way of thinking, in order to see His standard for success.
1. **Moses**

“... Moses the servant of the Lord ...” (Josh. 1:1 KJV) *(A few highlights)*

    - (a) All good leaders are godly men.
      - (1) It is an honor to be called “the servant of God” by God! Similar recognition was noted about Job (Job 1:8; 2:3).

- Such recognition is not degrading but a great honor to be a **servant of God!**
  - As in the situation with Moses, even so with all who are **called to serve God, it is a call to an extraordinary work.**
- (2) It is a call for stewards in God's kingdom, stewards must remain faithful (Luke 12:42-44; 1 Cor. 4:2); and leaders are called to a life of integrity (Titus 1:5-9; etc.)
- (b) Some noteworthy features of Moses
- (1) He was a messenger of God, both to Pharaoh and the Israelites (Exodus Chaps. 5-11)
  - (2) He experienced a close relationship with God (Ex. 24:9-11)
  - (3) He was a man of extraordinary humility (Num. 12:3)
  - (4) Other characteristics are seen in Scripture for example see Heb. 11:23-29
    - He was a man of **Faith** v. 24
    - He displayed **Fidelity** v. 25
    - He was a man of **Foresight** v. 26
    - He exemplified **Firmness** v. 27
    - He **Fulfilled** the plan of God v. 28
    - He led his people to **Freedom** v. 29

## 2. Moses' Servant

- (a) As noted before, Joshua was Moses' servant (Ex. 33:11; Num. 11:28). "Servant" as used in these references is the same as "minister."
- (b) Joshua was a faithful associate of Moses ... *a few examples are:*
- (1) When Israel's army needed a leader, Joshua was commissioned to be general (Ex. 17:8-9)
  - (2) Joshua was there on Mt. Sinai when God was presenting the Ten Commandments to Moses (Ex. 24:13; 32:17)
  - (3) As a young man, he was placed in charge of the Tabernacle when the idolatry of the people caused Moses to be removed from camp (Ex. 33:11)
  - (4) He proved his loyalty to leadership when he thought that leadership was being threatened (Num. 11:24-29).
  - (5) He was one of the twelve spies, chosen at Kadesh-barnea to evaluate and make a report about Canaan (The Promise Land) (Num. 13:8, 16).
- (c) Joshua earned himself the title "Moses' Minister" (Ex. 24:13; Josh. 1:1)
- (1) See note above ... 2. (b) ... on "Joshua was a faithful associate of Moses."
  - (2) As a commanding officer of the army, he decisively defeated Israel's enemy (Ex. 17:8-14, NB v. 13).
  - (3) It is a reality that among the Israelites there was much grumbling, complaining, etc. but during the time when many of his brethren were rebelling against God's plan, Joshua and Caleb maintained faith in God's willingness and ability to give victory (See Numbers 13 and 14, note carefully chapter 14, highlighting Vv. 6-10 with emphasis on Vv. 8-9).

### 3. The Mission (Josh. 1:2)

(a) The **consideration** upon which Joshua was called to minister

“Moses my servant is dead ...” (Josh. 1:2a)

(1) Many leadership characteristics of Moses ... *(in addition to what have been noted above; you may want to add to the list)*

(2) Moses, although a good servant is dead ...

- It must be noted that despite who or what God uses, He is not limited in what He does.
- Moses has done his work as a servant and he has gone to rest from his labors, and enters into the joy of the Lord (Matt. 25:21).
- It should also be noted that God takes notice of the death of His servants, it is a precious thing in His sight (Psa. 116:15)

(b) The **call** itself

“... now therefore arise ...” (Josh. 1:2b)

(1) **The death of Moses must be seen as a comma not a period!!**

- The work must go on! Therefore arise and go about it!
- Weeping must not hinder sowing; there is work to be done! The mission must continue!!
- There must not be a fading, withering of useful hands when God has a work to be done; He will find a way to get it done.
- Moses, the servant, is dead but God the Master is not; He lives forever!!

(2) Such a challenge should not be a total surprise because Joshua was divinely appointed and ordained as Moses successor (Num. 27:18-23).

(3) Because Moses is dead the work has been delegated to you as his successor.

- The removal of useful men should quicken survivors to be much more diligent in doing good. Our days are numbered therefore let us work while it is day (John 9:4).
- It is a service to humanity when useful men are taken away; others are raised up in their place.
  - Joshua’s assignment was to finish what Moses began.
  - Joshua was called out to “**bold obedience**” to that for which he was prepared beforehand.
  - We are all prepared through the new birth and the enabling of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:10).

#### **Eph. 2:10 Amplified Bible**

“For we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned before hand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time) that we should walk in them [living the good life, which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].”

- **All believers are equipped by Jesus Christ ... He is the ONE . . .**
  - Who makes us! (Matt. 4:19)
  - Who equips us! (Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:4-5, 7-8)

➤ Who keeps us (1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24)

(c) **Compelling Facts . . . A New Era!**

*Continued emphasis on “Moses is dead.”*

(1) Focus on the fact of Moses representing the Law as dead or its era has passed.

- Joshua, Moses successor, has been commissioned to lead the people into the Promise Land.
- Joshua was Moses’ minister, under the Law, who brought Israel into the Promise Land.
- Beloved, Jesus Christ was born under the Law “To purchase the freedom of (ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God’s sons].” (**Gal. 4:5 Amplified Bible**)
- Read Gal. 4, NB Vv. 1-7.

(2) The life of Moses made a way for Joshua, and prepared the people for what was done by him (Joshua).

- The Law is a school master to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:15-25, NB 23-25)
- **Gal. 3:24-25 Life Application Study Bible (LASB)**  
“Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came, it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law our guardian.”
- The death of Moses made way for Joshua; thus we are not bound to the Law our first husband, that we may be married to Christ (Rom. 7:1-6, NB v. 4).
- Jesus Christ, the King of righteousness, secured for us a better covenant (Heb. 7, NB Vv. 11-12, 18-22, 23-28)  
**Heb. 7:18-19, 22 NKJV**  
“For in the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God ... by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.” (*Read the chapter*)

(3) **This new way of life doesn’t mean we have become lawless, living as we determine!** (*At this time details not possible*)

- Jesus Christ did not come to destroy but to fulfill the Law (Matt. 5:17).
  - Believers must live above the standards set by the Jewish leaders, we must not be satisfied with a mediocre standard of righteousness (Isa. 58:2; Matt. 5:20)
  - God’s standards for righteous living are closely laid out in Matt. 5-7; etc.

- Christ laid out a high standard of living, as noted above and is clearly seen in the discourse in Matt. 5-7. Note for example Matt. 5:17-20; 21-26.
- The life of righteousness through Jesus Christ is not a reason to live contrary to God's standards.
 

**1 Cor. 15:34 NKJV**  
 "Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame."
- **Being in Jesus Christ and guided daily by the Holy Spirit, we live the righteousness of the Law.**  
*Note the following highlights:*
  - **Rom. 6:** Grace does not mean godless living; it is salvation from sin not slaves to sin.
  - **Rom. 7:** The **believer in Christ** is free from the condemnation of the Law.
  - **Rom. 8:** The **believer in Christ** has experienced salvation/redemption, he is under the tutelage and full control of the **Holy Spirit**  
**Rom. 8 is another great study passage, note these captions:**
    - Vv. 1-11: Spirit of Life
    - Vv. 12-17: Spirit Leads
    - Vv. 18-27: Security in Jesus Christ
    - Vv. 28-39: Settled in Jesus Christ

**Rom. 8:4 Amplified Bible**  
 "So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit]."  
*Study the Books of Romans Galatians, etc.*
- **CHRIST MADE IT POSSIBLE!!**  
**John 19:30 NKJV**  
 "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, '**It is finished**' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."  
*Note a few highlights from this verse... emphasis on "It is finished."*
  - Jesus Christ became the ultimate and final sacrifice for sin (Heb. 10, NB Vv 12, 14-18; 9:26-28; Titus 2:14)
  - The word "**finish**" (John 19:30) means "**paid in full.**"
  - Jesus Christ came to finish God's work of salvation (John 4:34; 17: 4) to pay the penalty for sin (Isa. 53, NB Vv. 4-7, 12; 1 Pete 2:24; 1 John 3:5)
  - With His death and resurrection (1 cor. 15, NB Vv. 3-4, 12-20), the complex sacrificial system (Eph. 2:15; Heb. 7:11-22, NB v. 19) ended because Jesus Christ took all sin upon Himself (1 Peter 1:13-25, NB Vv. 18-19).



- Now we can freely approach God because of what Jesus did for us (Heb. 4:14-16)
  - Those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, that He died and was resurrected are guaranteed eternal life having the penalty of sin covered by Christ's atonement (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10; 1 John 5:13)
- (4) Why this emphasis on law and grace? ... *(Just a quick note)*
- As Moses was succeeded by Joshua who led Israel into the Promise Land; even so Jesus Christ replaced the Mosaic Law.
    - See Rom. 8:1-4; Gal. 2:19; **Eph. 2:15; etc.**
    - **John 1:17 Amplified Bible**  
 "For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ [Exod. 20:1]."
  - **This fact is an integral part of our mission (assignment) because God has provided a more effective way to Him** (Rom. 8; John 14:6; Rom. 5:1-2; etc,)
  - WE MUST ARISE AND GO!! WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS!!
    - Constrain (compel) men and women to come to the "Great Supper" (Luke 14:15-24, NB v. 23), that they may taste and experience the goodness of God (Psa. 34:8; Isa. 55:1-7; Rev. 22:7)
    - The Gospel is of great necessity; the unreached needs the Good News; backsliders must be reclaimed, those who are asleep in Zion must be awakened and quickened!! (Luke 2:8-20, NB Vv. 10-11; Hosea 14:4; Eph. 5:14; Rom. 10:14-15)
  - God made a covenant with Abraham that was extended to his descendants (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:7-11; 17:5-22, NB Vv. 6-8); even so Jesus Christ has procured and made available a new covenant for all mankind (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 11:25; Heb. 8:7-9; 12:24)
  - A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify!! **BELOVED ARISE AND GO!!** (Josh. 1:2)

#### 4. Master's Assignment Josh 1:2-4

##### (a) Trial of faith at the very inception of this assignment!!

"... now therefore arise, go over this Jordan ..." (Josh. 1:2)

(1) Jordan was facing them, it was between 100 feet wide and about 3 to 12 feet deep.

(2) He had no boats, bridges or any other means to enable them to cross the river.

- Humanly speaking, there was no way of going across without having boats, bridges, etc. especially when all the banks were overflowed (see Josh. 3:15).
- Faith in God was the essential factor necessary but Joshua was a man of faith.

- An earlier generation had failed because of unbelief.
    - The awful results were the Wilderness Wandering for 40 years and a generation passed without entering the Promised Land.
    - It must be remembered that although a generation perished in the wilderness there were two who endured because of their faith in God (Joshua and Caleb ... see Num. Chaps 13-14, note carefully 14:1-10 highlighting Vv. 6-9; see also **Num. 32:9-13**; Deut. 1, NB Vv. 1-8, highlight Vv. 2-3)
  - Joshua came up through the ranks and had proven himself to be faithful, reliable and capable of standing the test of time.
- (b) **Challenges will be experienced but confidence in God boost courage and determination to be what He wants us to be, go where He wants us to go and do what He wants us to do.**
- (1) Negative challenges and adverse situations are parts of life in a fallen world.
- Along with our hopes and joys there are always problems for which we simply have neither the strength nor wisdom to adequately meet these challenges.
  - As a result, we need strength from above. The reality is: "The battle is really the Lord's and this has been made clear in Joshua chapter 1."
- (2) No matter the challenges, beloved, it's important to "stay strong" and keep your eyes on Jesus!!
- **Psa. 20:7 KJV**  
"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."
  - See also Psa. 3:6; 23:4; 27:3; 46:2; Isa. 12:2; Hab. 3:18.
- (c) **"... go over this Jordan ... unto the land ..." (Josh. 1:2)**
- (1) The Promise Land and its conquest typifies our spiritual inheritance and salvation in Jesus Christ, guaranteeing eternal life and all that comes with this awesome experience of salvation in Jesus Christ.
- (2) Believers already possess salvation and enjoying the benefits in Jesus Christ with whom we will live forever (Eph. 1:3). **However, take note:**
- We must fight the good fight of faith; spiritual discipline and endurance are compulsory (1 Tim. 1:18-20; 4:16; 6:12).
  - Acquiring Canaan, our possession, the promise involves spiritual warfare and conquest (Eph. 6:10-20).
- (3) For Joshua and the Israelites, the possession of the Promise Land was realized and maintained by faith in God, expressed in obedience to His Word and in warfare against God's enemies. (Josh. 1:7-9 compare with Deut. 28).
- **For the believer, under the New Covenant, the possession of salvation and God's blessings are likewise maintained by a present living faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1-2)**

- It is expressed in obedience to God's Word (Ex. 19:5; John 3:36; Isa. 1:19; Luke 11:28; **John 14:23**. See also Deut. 28:1-14; James 1:25; 1 John 3:22; Rev. 22:14).
- It is also expressed in spiritual warfare against sin, the flesh and Satan (Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 6:10-13).
- Consequently, possession of "the land" (that is the Lord's inheritance) may experience punitive action (forfeited, penalty, loss, etc.) as Joshua warned (**Josh. 23:16**; see also Isa. 24:5; Jer. 11:10; 22:9; Ezek. 44:7; Rom. 1:31-32).

(d) **Every new job is a challenge!**

- (1) Joshua was trained and ready, he was a man of faith, etc. but the "assignment" comes with challenges!
- (2) Joshua was qualified and had exemplified what it takes to lead both before and after this particular time when these charges were given (Josh. 1:1-9).
  - He was spiritually minded (Josh. 3:5; 8:30)
  - He was entirely consecrated (Num. 32:12)
  - He was a man of faith (Num. 14:6-8)
  - He was a man of courage (Josh. 10:25)
  - He was obedient (Josh. 11:15)
  - He made wise decisions (Josh. 24:15)
  - As note before: He was divinely appointed and prepared (Deut. 34:9)
- (3) Without God our challenges can be frightening (intimidating, terrifying, scary, etc.) producing a pessimistic feeling.
- (4) With God our assignment can be approached with confidence, determination and focused attention on Him who is able to see us through.
  - Note God's personal involvement with this assignment
    - Joshua's assignment started with a great challenge "... go over this Jordan..." (Josh. 1:2)
    - But God was always the intrinsic aspect of the entire assignment.
      - It was His promise made to the Patriarchs (Gen. 12;1-3; 17:1-14)
      - The land was His gift to Israel (Josh. 1:2)
      - Moses himself was assured by God (Josh. 1:3)
      - It was God who assigned Joshua (Josh. 1:1)
  - Beloved, just as God was with Joshua, He is with us as we face our challenges.
  - **We may not literally conquer nations, but everyday situations, difficult people, and temptations.**
  - God promises, however, that He will never abandon us or fail to help us. **Matt. 28:20b Amplified Bible** (*This a verse that we frequently quote*) "... behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and **on every occasion**), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. *Amen (so let it be).*"

**(5) God has a task for all of us.**

- What is He calling you to do?
  - What are the things He has given you a passion for? Don't quench God's desire within you; let them be used to His honor and glory (Jer. 20:9).
  - Don't bury your talents, invest them and reap accordingly (Matt 25:14-30).
- There is much work to be done!!
  - First: **"The Great Command"** must be fully realized (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37-40; Mark 12:29-31)
  - **"The Care Commission"** is not a popularity stunt or a financial pursuit but to glorify God (Matt. 25:31-46).
  - The Church (Universal) has a mandate and binding on all believers, this we refer to as **"The Great Commission"** (Matt. 28:19-20)

**(6) "Accept the Challenge and Move On!"**

- Remember: The willingness to undertake, rest upon a clear assignment: "Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all the people, to the land which I am giving them ..." (Josh. 1:2 NKJV)
- Many have regretted either not answering the call or giving up under pressure.
- Testing and trials will be experienced . . .
  - Courage will arise when you have confidence in the call.
  - By asking God to direct us, we can conquer our challenges.

**(7) No matter the challenge "Don' walk away."**

- Nothing in life or in ministry ever happens apart from courage.
  - Courage: strength of mind to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear or difficulty.
  - Someone has to pull the trigger, face the enemy, deal with the situation on hand.
  - The very nature of leadership is a call to embrace aloneness, silence and setting the pace!
- Joshua chapter 1, in essence, poses great challenge and hard facts.
  - Moses is dead, not allowed to enter Canaan because of his disobedience to God ... this is a tough one to face (See Num. 20:1-13, NB Vv. 11-13).
  - He remains a role model and inspiration, yet the facts must be faced. This account teaches us that no human, not even Moses, can usurp the power of God.
    - The problem is more than striking the rock instead of speaking to it (Num. 20:8).

- Striking the rock made it appear that the power to produce water was Moses' own.
- He did not **hallow** (*hallow: honor as holy*) God (Num 20:12) by showing that the concern and power at work belonged to God.
- The miracle was not Moses' but God's; power belongs to Him; He alone is powerful; He alone is holy; He alone can save. **He alone is worthy of praise! May our lives acknowledge Him and glorify Him because He is worthy!!!**
- **Joshua was commissioned (charged) by God . . . he was given a challenge and was expected to accept it and move on!!**
  - The task is not for the faint-hearted!
  - You will have great challenges but be bold! Be courageous!
  - Be steadfast in your commitment and focused on your assignment!
  - **Always** remember who is your sustainer, source and Sovereign King!!

**(8) We are conquerors through Jesus Christ and Him ONLY!!**

- God Promises Ultimate Triumph!!
  - Over Evil Influence of Men (Psa. 44:5)
  - Over Destructive Spiritual Forces (Luke 10:19)
  - Over Severest Afflictions (Rom. 8:35,37)
  - Over Worldly Allurements (1 John 5:4)
  - Over All Satanic Powers (Rev. 15:2)
- The successful completion of our assignment rest **in Jesus Christ!!**  
**Phil. 4:1 Amplified Bible**  
 "I have strength for all things **in Christ**, Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient **in Christ's sufficiency**]."

**Recap ... The Main Thought** (*in this Main Point*)

- (a) It was time for Joshua to arise and cease his mourning for Moses.
- (b) It was time for him to take the mantle of leadership and lead God's people.
  - (1) He was divinely appointed and ordained as successor of Moses (Num. 27:18-23)
  - (2) He was now the appointed leader of the nation, the Commander-in-Chief.
  - (3) Leading the people to claim their inheritance in the Promise Land was his duty.
- (c) It was now time to commence mobilizing the people to move forward ... time to get ready.
- (d) It was time to take the final steps, time to enter, conquer, and occupy the Promise Land!
- (e) **But God had more to say to Joshua!! ... See Josh. 1:5-9.**

**B. ASSURANCE Josh. 1:5,9****Courage to persevere rest upon the assurance of God's presence.****NOTE**

- (a) Our strength to do God's work comes from trusting Him.
- (b) His promises reassures us of His love and that He will be there to guide us in the decisions and struggles we face,
- (c) Faith begins with believing that God can be trusted.

**God gave three wonderful promises to Joshua and the Israelites (Josh 1:2-5)****1. First Promise: The Covenant in Regards to the Promise Land will be Realized (Josh. 1:2-4)**

*This was discussed in our first main point: "Assignment."*

**2. Second Promise: The conquest of all Enemies (Josh. 1:5)****(a) Secret of Invincibility Revealed!**

- (1) God not only set before Joshua a vision of what could be done, but He also assured him of the necessary dynamic to make the vision a reality.

- **Josh. 1:5: "... as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee ..."**
- This was all the assurance Joshua needed.
- He knew that God had made Moses invincible in the midst of dangers and trials.
  - He (Joshua) could never forget how Moses had confronted Pharaoh of Egypt and won the case.
  - He had watched Moses deal with an apostate, rebellious, complaining, etc. people and God had not failed him!

**(2) Invincibility guaranteed.**

*"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life ..." (Josh. 1:5a)*

- What is meant by invincibility?
  - The word means: The power to overcome or defeat.
  - Some synonyms are: unbeatable, unshakeable, secure, etc.
- **Deut. 28:7 Amplified Bible**  
 "The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."
- See also Deut 7:24; 11:25; Josh. 1:5; 21:44; 23:9.

**(b) Security for God's people!**

- (1) The Israelites would encounter great antagonism.

- As they marched forth, they would face opposition.
- There would be enemies who would confront and wage war against them.

- These enemies would do all they can to defeat the Israelites and either enslave or kill them.
  - Irrespective of who came against them, the great promise of God is that of victory and triumph!! They would conquer all their enemies who oppose them.
- (2) **What we are looking at here is a full and victorious life!**
- God's promise: The believer is guaranteed a full and victorious life.
    - The genuine believer who marches forth laying claim on the Promise Land will be victorious.
    - However, there is a condition to be met: The believer must maintain trust in God, steadfastly focus on God, marching forth and seeking the great Promise Land.
    - This believer will conquer all the enemies, trials, and temptations that confront him.
    - He will continue to abide in Christ and Christ in him; he will live a full and victorious life through the presence and power of God.
    - Because of the hope the believer has he endeavored to keep himself pure (1 John 3:3).
  - We (Christians) are called out in a hostile world, but assured of victory (John 16:33; Rom. 8:35, 37-39; Eph. 6:10-13; 1 John 5:4-5)
3. **Third Promise: The Continued, Unbroken Presence and Rest of God (Josh. 1:5, 9)**  
**Josh. 1:5b & c KJV:** "... as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."  
**Josh. 1:9b KJV:** "... for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest."
- (a) **Reassurance of God's presence**
- (1) For this new phase in Israel's history (Josh 1) God's presence was guaranteed.
- The Israelites would defeat all enemies by the presence of God.
  - God promised to be with them, never to leave nor forsake them (Josh. 1:5, 9).
- (2) **God is always there for His people ... Always!!**
- The unfailing presence of God would always be present with His people.
  - His unfailing presence would guide His people and give them victory over all enemies.
  - What an awesome promise from God, the glorious promise of His unfailing presence!!
- (3) We couldn't ask for better! We have the guarantee of the unbroken presence of God!!
- He will never leave nor forsake us!
  - No matter what enemy, trial or temptations may face us . . .
    - No matter the trouble, difficulty or problem!
    - No matter the pain, sorrow or sickness!

- No matter the size, strength or destructive potential of the obstacle!
- God will be with us. **His unfailing presence** will never leave us nor forsake us!!
- He is always there because He neither slumbers nor sleep (Psa. 121)
- **Isa. 43:2 NKJV**  
“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”
- See also Matt. 28:20b; Heb. 13:5; Gen. 28:15; Ex. 3:14; Judges 6:16

(b) **Results of a harmonious relationship with God**

(1) Joshua saw results because of Moses rapport with God.

- Bitter water had been made sweet (Ex. 15:23-25)
- The bites of fiery serpents healed (Num. 21:8-9)
- Leprosy made to disappear (Num. 12, NB Vv. 13-16)
- Bread from heaven given (Ex. 16, NB Vv. 11-15)
- Water flowed from a rock in a dry land (Ex. 17:5-7; Num. 20:2-13)
- Etc.

(2) Joshua was convinced that God’s resources would never be exhausted.

- He knew that no unexpected crises or events would make it necessary for God to be absent from him.
- God’s words, “**I will not fail thee nor forsake thee,**” (Josh. 1:5) made Joshua ready for any assignment.

4. **Practical Lessons**

(a) The extension of divine assistance to the new leader suggests that great men of God may pass away, but the power that made them great remains.

(b) God wants His people of all ages to remember, that He will not fail them when they are weak (2 Cor. 12:9), nor forsake them even when they are faulty (Deut. 31:8). *This is not a license for habitual sinning such is not of God (Rom. 6; 1 John 3:1-10)*

**The Hymn: GOD LEADS HIS DEAR CHILDREN ALONG**

*Quoting verses 1, 4 and the Chorus*

In shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet  
God leads His dear children along  
Where the water’s cool flow bathes the weary one’s feet  
God leads His dear children along

Though sorrows befall us and evil oppose  
God leads His dear children along  
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all foes  
God leads His dear children along.



*Chorus*

Some thro' the waters, some thro' the flood,  
 Some thro' the fire, but all thro' the Blood  
 Some thro' the fire, but all thro' the Blood  
 Some thro' great sorrow, but God gives a song  
 In the night season and all the day long.

**C. ATTRACTED DETERMINATION Josh. 1:6, 7, 9**  
**Courage rest upon focused determination**

**NOTE**

- (a) Joshua was called to lead without fear in accomplishing his assignment.
- (b) If we are going to pattern the outstanding example seen in Joshua, we must be ready to move quickly when God instructs us.
- (1) Once we have received His instructions, we must be willing to carry them out.
- (2) Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey
- (c) Obeying the call to duty requires us to be “**strong and very courageous**” and it will help to keep alive the vision and stimulate us to stay focused (**Attracted Determination**) upon Him who is able and who has assigned us.

**Josh. 1:6, 7 NKJV**

“Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.” (See *also v. 9*)

**1. Importance of positive mindedness**

- (a) Joshua was to furnish leadership which would be characterized by genuine optimism.
- (1) **He himself must be strong and of good courage.**
- To fulfill this demand he must be fully persuaded that God would do all He had promised.
  - In the midst of a turbulent, life threatening stormy sea, Paul maintained a positive attitude because he had confidence in God (Acts 27, NB Vv. 21-26)
- (2) Doubts and fears would assault Joshua, but he must fight the good fight of faith and expect to triumph.
- (3) He was in a position that was strategically important.
- God was counting on him to “**divide for an inheritance the land ...**” (Josh. 1:6)

- The Lord made no provision for failure.
  - Joshua also must have a positive mental attitude.
- (b) The awful consequences of being negative.
- (1) Negative mindedness had brought defeat to Israel for more than a generation.
- A journey that should have taken 11 days took 40 years (Deut. 1:1-3).
  - All males twenty and older (effective when the spies went to Canaan...Num. 13) passed away in the “Wilderness Wandering” except Joshua and Caleb.
- (2) Now for Israel, a new day had dawned; new opportunities were being offered.
- Without faith it would be impossible to please God, and all the good things He had provided for them would be lost.
  - Faith in God would bring the victory!!
2. **Indispensible Trait for Success**    (*Highlighting three things*)
- (a) Leadership is strengthened by acts of obedience.
- (1) King Saul’s defeat came because of disobedience (1 Sam. 15, NB Vv. 13-25). He not only failed as a leader but failed to accept the truth and made it right with God.
- (2) **Leadership is a call to action not position.** Joshua’s role was to be actively leading his people and accomplishing his assigned mission as directed by God.
- (b) **Leadership calls for courage.**
- (1) Courage is strength of mind to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear or difficulty.
- (2) Challenges, “Yes!” Opposition, “Yes!” But someone said: “You know you are flying over the right target when you are being shot at.”
- (3) When difficulties are experienced we must remember: **“If we run from opposition we will be running the rest of our lives.”**
- (c) The ability to endure depends on your determination ... I have entitled this Main-Point (currently discussing) “Attracted Determination.”
- (1) Courage rest upon focused attention.
- (2) If you act courageously, you will get more courage.
- (3) God is with you, but you will only be strengthened when you raise your leg and put it forward.
- Similarly, we can’t steer a parked car.
  - Your sail boat will be blown by the wind when you put up the sail.
3. **Insistence of the Charge!**
- It was a forceful charge that God gave to Joshua to be **“strong and courageous.”** It was so important that it was repeated three times (Josh. 1:6, 7, 9)

- (a) **First, Be Strong and courageous in your task;** to lead the people to inherit the Promise Land (Josh. 1:6)
- (1) It's time to occupy!
- “... the land which I swore unto their fathers to give them.” (Josh. 1:6 KJV)
- It the long awaited inheritance pledged to the descendants of Abraham (Gen. 15:7, 8-12); of Jacob (Gen. 28:13).
  - This is not just land but the Promised Land.
    - Judaism: a place that holds ultimate happiness.
    - For Christians it is an inheritance that never fades away (Eph. 1:1-14; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 5:9-13; Rev. 21-22). Many names given by song writers, for example “Sweet Beulah Land,” etc.
- (2) **Be strong and of good courage.**
- This is actually saying: “Be strong and vigorous.”
  - This is not in reference so much to the character of Joshua but to his actions.
  - He was a man of action, alert, prompt and ready to act when the occasion demanded.
- (3) Moses, in naming his successor, used the same charge to Joshua (Deut. 31:7).
- This charge was repeated in verse 23 (Deut. 31).
  - As a general of the army Joshua showed strength of mind, valor, courage and was not dismayed at the number or strength of the enemy (Ex. 17:8-14).
- (4) “Unto this people shalt thou divide an inheritance the land ...” (Josh. 1:6 KJV)
- This promise includes and ensures conquest.
  - I also gave the assurance of the people possessing the land.
- (5) Joshua was a distinguished person and divinely approved, appointed and ordained for this task (Num. 27:18-23)
- (6) He was a person of great courage and resolution, yet he needed these exhortations ...
- Partly because his work was great and difficult, long and in a great measure new.
  - Partly because he had a very mean opinion of himself (a humbled opinion) especially if compared to Moses.
  - Partly because of how perverse and ungovernable the people were even under Moses.
  - But despite the facts he was charged: **“Be strong and of good courage.”**
- (b) **Second, God encouraged Joshua to be strong and courageous in obeying His law, His Word. (Josh. 1:7-8)**  
*This will be discussed as our final main point.*

(c) **Third, God encouraged Joshua to be strong and courageous in overcoming fear and discouragement (Josh. 1:9)**

**NOTE**

The this emphasis for courage God was referring to it as a remedy for fear (v.9), and He emphasized His command to be fearless, twice rewording and repeating it (a) “be not afraid” (b) “nor be dismayed.” (Josh. 1:9 NKJV)

(1) **Across the river he would encounter a formidable foe.**

- The ten spies while wrong about the surety of victory, were right reporting that the Canaanites were strong people (Num. 13-14 NB 13:31-14:12).
  - Indeed they were populous (densely populated)
  - Indeed they had chariots and walled cities and among them were giants.
  - Indeed they were mean, brutal, wicked and evil to the core.
  - Nevertheless, God was saying “be strong and courageous in overcoming fear!” (Josh. 1:9)
- Joshua would have found the strength of the Canaanites intimidating for two reasons:
  - First, they were a threat to the safety and success of the Israelites’ army.
  - Second, many years ago, Joshua was confident Israel would be able to conquer all the enemies in the land (Num. 14:6-10), now he would have to prove he was right.
- To remove the cause of anxiety, God promised that no foe could stand and prevail against Joshua (Josh. 1:5).

(2) Joshua was the Commander-in-Chief over a nation of over two million people.

- They were difficult to lead, God Himself refers to them as stiff-necked (Ex. 32:9; 3:3, 5; 34:9: Deut. 9:6, 13).
- Joshua may have given thought of the possibility of them rebelling against him.
- **His solution to this problem was to adequately and consistently teach the Word of God** (Josh. 1:8).

(3) Most likely, Joshua may have feared that God would abandon the nation of Israel.

- God, in the past, did threaten to remove His presence from the nation (See Ex. 33:1-6, NB v. 3 ... “... I will not go up in the midst of thee ...” KJV . . . Moses interceded and obtained God’s favor see Vv 12-17).
- God gave Joshua the assurance of His abiding presence: “... I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” (Josh. 1:5 KJV)

- (4) God knew all Joshua would encounter but he (Joshua) was in His loving care and guaranteed His continuous abiding presence.
- God promised that He would go with Joshua wherever he went, never forsaking or leaving him!
  - **Josh. 1:9 Amplified Bible**  
 “Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

#### D. ANCHORED Josh. 1:7-8

##### Loyalty, strength, dedication, etc. are anchored by God’s Word

###### NOTE

- (a) Guidance from God, for daily living, can be found in His Word.
- (b) By staying in touch with God, we will have the needed wisdom to meet the great challenges of life.
- (c) When we are in the way of duty, we have reason to be strong.
- (1) Our Lord Jesus, as Joshua here, was sustained under sufferings because of His regards for His Father’s will (Matt. 26:36-46). Despite our challenges we must remain focused on God’s will.
- (2) Without God’s strength and personal courage, we will fail to tackle the challenges or take on the responsibilities that God calls us to (Phil. 4:13)
1. **Summary of what God wanted Joshua to do with the Word (Josh. 1:7-8)**
- (a) He was to obey all God’s law.
- (b) He was not to turn away from God’s Word.
- (c) He was never to stop sharing God’s law or Word.
- (d) He was to meditate on God’s Word day and night. This would assure obedience.
- (e) The result of his obedience would be prosperity and success. All that he and the Israelites put their hands to would prosper and be successful.
2. **Submission to God requires of us to be strong and courageous.**
- (a) Joshua was to make the law of God his main source of regulation and guide.
- (1) He is charged to contemplate on it as a norm, the rule of life.
- (2) Whatever affairs of this world we have in mind and we must not neglect that which is most needful ... **the Word of God!**
- (3) For Joshua, all his orders to the people, and his judgments, must be according to the law of God!
- (b) **Joshua must himself be under command, no man’s dignity or dominion sets above the law of God!**
- (1) His life and service must be molded; molded and meticulously controlled by the law of God in every area.

- (2) The courage required keeping the law of God and disregarding all pressures to compromise; he would have to maintain unswerving fidelity continuously to the law of God ... God's Word!
- (3) Under all circumstances he was to encourage himself with the promises and presence of God.
- (c) We must genuinely, graciously and gladly abide by the Word of God.
- (1) We must never turn away from God's Word; rather, we must meditate on it day and night.
- (2) Such commitment is the key factor to our prosperity and success in whatever we do.
- **James 1:22-25 NKJV**  
 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observe himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, his one will be blessed in what he does."
  - See also Matt. 6:33; John 14:21; Rev. 22:14; 1 Tim. 4:15; Deut. 26:16; Psa. 1:1-3; Josh. 1:8.
3. **Stages of Life require us to be strong and courageous.**
- (a) We must be strong and courageous as we march through life.
- (b) Challenges will be experienced and sometimes when it rains it pours!
- (1) It happens along life's journey; there are days when something bad happens.
- (2) Or there are times when one bad situation has been overcome and another arises.
- (c) **Fear and discouragement can be conquered only as we are strong and courageous.**
- (1) God is with us; He will never leave nor forsake us!
- (2) Some things applicable to Joshua may not be applicable to us but among the things that are applicable is Josh. 1:5b "... I will be with thee ..."
- His unfailing presence is always with us wherever we go.
  - Due to this fact, we must stand strong and courageous against the enemies, trials and temptations and all other situations that confront us!
  - **No matter what crushing problems, tough situations or other difficult people we face – no matter how many temptations or terrifying trials we face – God is there with us!!**
  - God will deliver us and give us victory over the enemy that confronts us. We must be strong and courageous, conquering and fulfilling our task for the Lord.

- (d) Beloved! You are never alone, no matter how the situation looks.
- (1) The illustration /wall plaque: "Foot Prints in the Sand."
- The person in the story was deeply concerned because he saw only one set of foot prints.
  - He was informed that the one set of prints was there because God was carrying him!!!
- (2) The song: **Through It All**  
Partial Quote  
 I've had many tears and sorrows,  
 I've had questions for tomorrow,  
 There's been times I didn't know right from wrong,  
 But in every situation,  
 God gave blessed consolation,  
 That my trials comes only to make me strong
- Through it all,  
 Through it all,  
 I've learned to trust in Jesus  
 I've learned to trust in God
- Through it all,  
 Through it all  
 I've learned to depend upon His Word.
- (3) See also Eph.6:10-13; 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; 2 Chron. 15:7

#### 4. Success . . . Its Key

*This is a highlighted recap*

- (a) In Josh. 1:7-8 we have the key to success, which Joshua had to be aware of and personally apply.
- (b) The effectiveness to anything Joshua attempted to do would be determined by this binding charge: "... **observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee ...**" (Josh. 1:7 KJV)
- (1) Here (in verse 7) and 8 the word "law" is used to identify the writings Moses left concerning God's will for His people.
- (2) No obligation or responsibility would justify any deviation from this basic rule of living.
- (c) Anything but total loyalty, commitment and undivided observation would be disastrous and much danger would be realized.
- (1) Fear was a anger, therefore he must **be strong and very courageous v.7.**
- (2) Compromise was dangerous; so he must **turn not from it to the right hand or to the left hand v.7.**

- (3) Forgetting was a hazard, he must not let this word (the book of law) **depart from him v.8.**
- (4) Shallowness also was a danger, so he must **meditate on the book of law day and night v. 8.**

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

1. **The presence of God was of great significance to Joshua!**
  - (a) The presence of God qualified Joshua to do that for which he was called.
  - (b) God's presence enhances communication because He is near at hand.
  - (c) Difficulties entering the Promise Land was expected but posed no serious problem because God was Israel's Way Maker!!
  - (d) The Israelites were assured of overcoming all opposition; God who was with them was greater than anyone or adverse situation that would confront them!!
  
2. **The Word of God was most essential to Joshua and it is to all believers!**

*"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night ..." (Josh. 1:8a Amplified Bible)*

  - (a) The reason we can live by God's standards and share (proclaim) the Word is because we have it stored up within us (Deut. 11:18; Psa. 119:11; Rom. 10:8). It is also helps in times of adversities and temptations (Matt. 4:1-11; etc.)
  - (b) Devotionally master the Word of God for your soul. Immerse yourself in the Book! Love it! Live it!
  - (c) The Christian is bred by the Word and must be fed by it.
  - (d) We must study the Bible more. We must not only lay it up within us, but penetrate it through the whole texture of the soul.
  - (e) Apply yourself to the whole text, and apply the whole text to yourself.
  - (f) The study of God's Word for the purpose of discovering God's will, is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters.
  
3. **The Christian recognize the importance of God's presence as his source and strength and assurance of victory!**
  - (a) Jesus Christ promised His followers: "Lo I am with you always." (Matt. 28:20)
  - (b) He assures them: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come unto you." (Acts 1:8)
  - (c) Because of God's presence the Christian faces the uncertainty of life triumphantly.
    - (1) **Rom. 8:37 Amplified Bible**

"Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him who loved us."
    - (2) **Accept the Challenge and Move On! Jesus Christ is your source of victory!!**



The Refrain of: Victory in Jesus

Oh victory in Jesus my Saviour forever!  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood.

**2 Tim. 2:15**

**KJV**

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

**Amplified Bible**

“Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.”

## Lesson 1 Part A Review Questions

1. In essence, what is the Book of Joshua about?

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2. (a) Answer "True" or "False" (b) explain your answer.  
Abraham did not personally possess the land of Canaan.

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3. How is the Book of Joshua opens?

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4. We noted some interesting facts about Joshua's name. Match the explanations on the left with the corresponding items on the right.

ITEMS	CORRECT EXPLANATION	JUMBLED EXPLANAIONS
Hosehea		Greek usage for Joshua
Joshua		refers to God
Yahweh or Jehovah		The Latin of Yahweh
Jehovah		The Lord is my salvation
Jesus		Joshua's original name



9. List seven characteristics of Moses, with references.

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10. List with references five ways Joshua served faithfully as Moses minister.

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11. Why did God mentioned the fact that “Moses is dead” when giving the charge to Joshua to take Israel to the Promise Land.”

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12. Complete the following by choosing the correct answer:

“The removal of useful men should quicken survivors to be much more \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- (a) heady, high-minded and confident
- (b) daring and blindly focused
- (c) settled in their ways
- (d) diligent in doing good

13. As it relates to Joshua succeeding Moses and ushering a new era in Israel’s history, what significance was discussed in our lesson in regards to “Law” and “Grace.”

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14. (a) What does the word “finish” I John 19:30 means and what was is being referred to?  
(b) Briefly explain how this fulfillment was made possible.

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15. At the outset of Joshua’s assignment (Josh. 1) (a) what was regarded as a “trial of faith” and why was it so regarded? (b) What consequences did Israel experienced because of a lack of faith 40 years earlier?

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16. As it relates to the believer, what did the conquest of the Promise Land by Joshua typifies?

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17. Complete the following:

“For the believer, under the New Covenant, the possession of salvation and God’s blessings are likewise maintained by (a) \_\_\_\_\_ living (b) \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1-2). It is expressed in (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:23). It is also expressed in spiritual (e) \_\_\_\_\_ against sin, he (f) \_\_\_\_\_ and Satan. (Eph. 6:10-13).”

18. In regards to challenges we encounter what does it mean to face them (a) without God (b) with God?

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19. (a) Define courage (b) what does the very nature of leadership entails?

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