



Intro Letter

Joshua

Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on Joshua.

Studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. The book of Joshua records Israel's journey to the Promised Land. God's promises were being fulfilled before the people's eyes.

This study includes 6 lessons, a cover sheet, a commentary, a dictionary and a map of Canaan. Each lesson has a memory verse, 15-20 questions, a Take Away and a Blessing. They are written with the New Living Translation (NLT), but any translation will add to your experience.

These lessons are beneficial to anyone but are geared toward 10-15 year olds. This age group is experiencing major changes developmentally - physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. It is a time of having questions about God, about self and about where they fit in the world. These lessons were created to help students think critically and wrestle through who they are and what they believe.

Teenagers are inundated with technology but starving for relationship. If possible, complete the lesson on your own and then discuss it together to learn from each other.

Six truths revealed through studying Joshua:

1. God fulfills His promises.
2. Obedience to God, no matter what, always yields the greatest rewards.
3. God fights for His people.
4. God is a God of miracles - then and now.
5. Sin will be judged.
6. When we follow Jesus, we serve the true God, but we have a choice as to who we will serve.

May the Lord use these lessons to help you develop a personal, life-long love for God's Word and encourage you to connect in a community that prays, supports and shares life together!

Enjoy!



Joshua



THEME VERSE: “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

Author

Joshua (except the ending)

Date

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Location

Canaan - the PROMISED LAND

Outline

Entering the Promised Land	1:1 – 5:12
Conquering the Promised	5:13 – 12:24
Dividing the Promised Land	13:1 – 24:33

Content

Joshua is a war epic – a “blood and guts” kind of story but too inspiring to pass up. Basically, while the Hebrews (Israelites) were slaves in Egypt, other people settled on their land. So the Hebrews had to fight to get their land back. The book of Joshua is the record of those battles and Joshua was the name of the man who led the Hebrews into battles. He was a soldier, a diplomat, a negotiator, and a strategist. He believed God even when the odds were stacked up so high against his people that almost everyone else chickened out. He was a real hero.

What’s the Point?

The book of Joshua matters to you today for several reasons. We face the same kind of battles that they faced - temptations that are too big for us to conquer alone and difficult times that feel like they are going to overwhelm us. The lesson for us in our battles is the same as the lesson for the Hebrews: Trust God to do your fighting for you. Take it one step at a time. Continually renew your commitment to obey Him and worship Him alone.

JOSHUA AND THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN





Dictionary

Joshua

anger (God's anger)	God's attitude and response to sin.
anoint	to pour or rub oil on a person or object. This action symbolized that the person or object had been chosen to serve God in a special way.
ark of the covenant	a chest that symbolized God's presence with the people of Israel. It contained the stone tablets (10 Commandments), a jar of manna, and the rod of Aaron.
authority	right to exercise power over someone else; Jesus is the ultimate authority in any Christian's life.
believe	to accept as true or real; trust; have confidence in; have faith in; make a commitment to. Faith.
Bible	God's autobiography; God's plan for the world; a love letter to us; an instruction manual on how to act and live.
 blessing	divine favor; heavenly reward; contentment from God; a ceremony of binding words a father gives when he officially hands over the birthright (inheritance) to his rightful heir.
Canaan	the Promised Land God gave to the Israelites.
circumcision	"cutting around"; physically – mark on men of Israel that God had chosen them to belong to Him – setting them apart; spiritually – cutting out sin – thoughts, attitudes and actions that are against God.
compassion	sharing the hurts of another and wanting to help.
conform	agree, follow, act according to socially acceptable standards; become similar in character.
courage	taking a stand; doing what is right even when you are afraid.
covenant	a lifelong promise that can never be broken; an agreement between two people or groups promising to do certain things; such as God's promises to His people.
culture	shared and accepted attitudes, values, goals, and practices in a society.
dedication	the act of setting something apart for a sacred purpose.
eternal life	life that begins when a person turns from sin in commitment to Jesus. Supreme quality of life on earth as well as unending life with God.
evil spirits	beings that are ruled by Satan; they work to tempt people to sin; they were created by God, but are fallen angels who joined Satan in his rebellion.
exalt	lift up; raise high; to exalt God is to worship or praise Him.

faith	trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God's Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus.
fear of the Lord	to respect who God is, what He says, and what He does; a respect that leads to obedience and love of God; profound reverence and awe toward God; true honor, devotion, obedience and love of God.
forgiveness	to pardon sins; choice we make. We forgive by faith, out of obedience.
glory	divine quality; splendor, beauty and radiance of God's presence.
God	The One who is all-powerful; all-knowing; present everywhere at once; unchanging; above the bounds of time; absolutely right to govern His creation; Holy.
Good News/ gospel	"good news"; story of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. The message that God sent His Son Jesus to take away our sins by dying on the cross and resurrecting to life again to save all who trust in Him.
grace	God's free and undeserved love toward sinful humans that never quits. God's favor. God's power to help us do whatever we need to do.
guard your heart	keeping your heart pure and safe by protecting it from evil and focusing on God.
heart	inner thoughts and feelings; the real me living inside that thinks, feels, and decides; my character or personality.
heaven	God's home and where those who have believed in Jesus as their Savior go when they die.
hell	a place of punishment for those who die without believing in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
holy	set apart for use by God; a continual work by the HS in the lives of Christians. A life like God wants you to live.
Holy Spirit (HS)	God's Spirit. Lives within all Christians to help them, communicate God's truth to them, convict them of sin, convince them that God's ways are right, empower them to obey Jesus and comfort them when sad.
honor	show highest respect for.
hope	believe with confidence that God will accomplish what He has promised; believe that God will be faithful to do what He said He would do; that we trust God even we never find out why something happens.
humility	a modest view of one's own importance; seeing ourselves as God sees us; recognizing that all we have comes from God.
Idol	anything that is more important to us than God.
Israelites	God's chosen people; Jews; God promised the land of Israel to these people.
Jesus	The Christ; anointed Son of God; true Messiah; Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.
judgment	act or process of judging - only God's to decide and carry out.
Kingdom of God	Jesus' reign now and a future time when Jesus will rule over all humanity. Jesus has come but He will come again.
law	God's rules for living; commandments; makes people aware of sin and their sinfulness.

Israel	means "Prince of God;" the country God gave to His chosen people; the Jews.
memorial	reminder; celebrate or honor the memory of an event.
mercy	deep caring, loving, forgiveness, and kindness when it is not deserved.
Messiah	Jesus Christ. Messiah is a Hebrew word for the person chosen by God to die for our sins.
obey/obedience	believing and doing what God says; living like Him; pleasing Him; serving Him; getting to know Him better. Obeying God shows our trust in Him and His will.
Passover	a Jewish celebration remembering the time God spared the firstborn sons of His people when the firstborn sons of all the Egyptians died. This resulted in the Jewish people being freed from slavery in Egypt.
peace	God-given contentment which results in total confidence in God for everything.
patriarch	father or head of a family or tribe.
persecution	treating someone in a cruel way because he/she is different; mistreatment of an individual or group.
priest	official ministers or worship leaders for the nation of Israel who represented the people before God and performed special religious ceremonies to atone for sins.
prophecy	a God-inspired message or prediction of something that will happen in the future.
prophet	a person who speaks for God to His people; one who gives God's message to the people.
purify	make clean; make holy; to set apart for God.
redeem/ redemption	buy back; to rescue with a ransom; Jesus paid the price for our release from sin - He redeemed us.
repent	regret something you have done; ask God to forgive you; and want to change your ways; turn away from sin.
resurrection	to come back to life after being dead.
righteous/ righteousness	being in a right relationship with God; without guilt or sin. God declares believers not guilty/righteous because of their faith in Jesus.
salvation/saved	rescued or delivered from the penalty and power of sin in your life because you believe that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins. He resurrected to life again to save all who trust in Him. Saved.
Satan	God's enemy; powerful angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven; tempts people to sin.
Savior	Jesus Christ is "The Savior" because He delivers us from being punished for our sins.
Scripture	God's Words; the Bible.
servant	one who belongs to another; serves another.
sin	any action or attitude that falls short of God's perfect standard; separates us from a holy God. When we sin we show contempt for God. Sin keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.

sovereign	having complete power and authority.
tabernacle	the portable, temporary tent shelter used as a place of worship for the people of Israel; the place where God dwelled among them.
temptation	anything that attracts a person to do something unwise, wrong, or opposed to God's will.
wisdom	God-given understanding; the ability to make good decisions; the ability to distinguish between right and wrong; comes from God.
worship	giving reverence and honor to God; expressing our love and praise to Him.
world	the values and ways of life found in the world that oppose the ways of God. People who live as though there is no God.



Commentary

Joshua

After Moses dies, the Lord commissions Joshua to cross over the Jordan and lead His people into the Promised Land. Joshua sends two spies into the first city, Jericho, and learns that everyone who lives in the land is panicking because of the them. Miraculously the Jordan River parts and they are able to cross over on dry ground.

After circumcising the men and celebrating Passover, it is time to capture the land. Joshua has an encounter with the Lord where he realizes that God will be the one to fight the battles if the people will follow and obey Him. Not always do the Israelites obey the Lord. Achan defies God's command to give all the plunder to Him by stealing some of it for himself. His severe judgement is a reminder that all sin, whether that of the Canaanites or the Israelites, will be dealt with appropriately. Numerous battles are won, miracles abound and the land is secured.

Joshua divides the land at the Lord's command, specifying boundaries and borders. Finally, before he dies, Joshua appeals to the people, warning them to stay faithful to the Lord and destroy all idols.

God keeps His word. His promise to Abraham in Genesis was fulfilled in the book of Joshua. We can trust Him; we can trust His written word and we can trust that He will complete the work that He has begun in us (Philippians 1:6). God was patient and long-suffering. Along the way, there were many occasions of sin and failure, yet God's plan and promise was ultimately fulfilled.

In this life, we will have many battles. They will not necessarily be physical battles but they will nonetheless be times of intense conflict and struggle. In these times, it is important to remember the lessons from Joshua: God is able to fight our battles for us; we need to trust Him and we need to do what Joshua did: meditate day and night upon the Word of the Lord, don't be afraid, and be strong and courageous.

God takes sin seriously; it comes with a high price tag, as Achan learned. We must fear the Lord and fight against a casual attitude toward sin. It breaks our relationship with God.

We are faced with a choice. We can serve the Lord, as Joshua and his family did, or we can serve gods of our own choosing, as most of the Israelites eventually did. The choice we make is a daily choice. Choosing to serve the Lord means that we are choosing to meditate on His word, obey Him with our choices, and honor Him with our lives.

Actions for God



MEMORY VERSE: “Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

DAY 1 JOSHUA 1:1-5 — God Places Joshua in Charge

1. What task does God give to Joshua? v. 2 How might Joshua have felt about this task?

2. What promises did God make to Joshua as he began to lead? vv. 3, 5

3. Joshua’s new job consisted of leading 1-2 million people into a strange new land and conquering it. Scripture tells us that Joshua was Moses’ constant companion. How do you think Joshua’s faithful service to Moses helped prepare him for what God called Him to do?

DAY 2 JOSHUA 1:6-9— God Tells Joshua to Be Strong and Courageous

4. Read verses 6-8. From verse 8, what are God’s commands and God’s promises to those that follow His commands?

5. How do you think God defines being prosperous and successful? How do you think reading, studying, memorizing and talking about God’s Word will bring you success?

6. Read verse 9. It's not easy to follow God's commands and keep His Law, it requires courage. Can you think of an example or area in your life where you need to be strong and courageous to follow Him?

DAY 3 JOSHUA 1:10-18 — Joshua Organizes the Advance

7. Read verses 10-11. What was Joshua's first order of business? How long did he wait to begin the mission? Why was it important to get started right away?
8. Previously the tribes of Reuben and Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh had arranged with Moses to make the land on the east side of the Promised Land their home. To receive this land, they had to help the other tribes enter and conquer the Promised Land. How do they respond to Joshua and his leadership? vv. 16-18
9. Do you think it was helpful for Joshua to be reminded to be "strong and courageous" by these men when he had already heard that from the Lord? Why?

DAY 4 JOSHUA 2:1-25 — Spies Meet Rahab

10. Read verses 1-6. Why did Joshua send out the 2 spies? What did Rahab do with the spies?
11. Read verses 9-11. What can we learn about Rahab from this statement? What do we learn about God from this statement?
12. Read verses 12-19. What did she ask the men to do for her because she helped them? How would Joshua's army know which house was Rahab's?

13. Read verses 23-24. This spy mission helped encourage the faith of the spies and the whole nation. How does seeing God working in your life and others encourage you?

14. Thinking over this whole event, what do you think would have happened if all the people of Jericho had been like Rahab and combined what they knew of God with faith? Why?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 1-2 — Wrap Up

15. How does God's promises in Chapter 1, verses 5 and 9 encourage you as you: face sin? temptations? difficult people? difficult situations?

16. God lists Rahab among the heroes of faith. (Hebrews 11:31) How does the fact that God used a prostitute to fulfill His plan encourage you? What does it tell you about His heart for all people?

TAKE AWAY

God encourages Joshua to be strong and courageous directly and through others 5 different times- Do you feel that same encouragement? How can you be strong and courageous this week?

BLESSING

Joshua and Rahab had a part in God's plan. Each believed God and served Him where He called them. We too can take part in God's plan. May we serve Him faithfully, glorifying Him in whatever we do.

Miracles of God



MEMORY VERSE: “Then Joshua told the people, ‘Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.’”
Joshua 3:5

DAY 1

JOSHUA 3:1-5 — Preparing to Cross the Jordan River

1. The Israelites are at the Jordan River. How will they know when and where to cross the river? v. 3
From the Dictionary and Exodus 25:10-22, what is the Ark of the Covenant?
2. Read verse 5. How can believers today approach God with a pure heart? Also see Romans 12:1-2.
How does the media you use (i.e. phone, videos, games, apps...) effect your purity?

DAY 2

JOSHUA 3:6-17 — Crossing the Jordan River

3. Read verses 6-10. What does God tell Joshua? When Joshua speaks to the people, how does he honor God?
4. Read verses 11-17. When were the waters of the Jordan parted? What does this miracle tell you about God?
5. We are already seeing themes of God’s presence and power in Joshua. How has God reminded you of both His presence and His power in your life?

DAY 3**JOSHUA 4:1-24 — Israel Enters the Promised Land**

6. Read verses 1-9. What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? What was the meaning of the memorial for the Israelites?

7. How does remembering God's faithfulness to you and your faithfulness to Him impact you? Share ways that you can make memorials for what God does in your life.

8. Read verses 21-24. Why did God care what all the "all the nations of the earth" thought of Him? Does He still care? How should this affect what we do?

DAY 4**JOSHUA 5:1-15 — Israelites Observe Circumcision and Passover**

9. From Joshua 4:13, where are the Israelites now and what are they ready to do?

10. Read verses 2-8. Circumcision was a practice God established to identify the men of Israel as His special people. It was a sign on their body that marked them that God had chosen them to belong to Him - setting them apart. Why do you think God wanted the people to renew their commitment to Him in this way and at this time?

11. All the men of fighting age were made completely vulnerable and unable to fight for several days. What does this tell you about God? What can we learn from this?

12. Read verses 10-12. Review Passover in the Dictionary. From Exodus 12:21-27, why did Israel observe the Passover when they entered the land?

13. Read verses 13-15. Who was the visitor? v. 14 God was not on the Israelite's "side"; rather, the Israelites were fighting God's battles. Why do you think God sent this visitor to Joshua?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 3-5 — Wrap Up

14. What do you think God was trying to teach the Israelites by asking them to follow Him instead of trying their own ways to cross the Jordan River? How can you apply this to your own life?

15. God's story with the Israelites is symbolic of the Gospel: He frees us, gives Himself to us and delivers us. How do you see these promises shown in these chapters?

TAKE AWAY

He always provides for His people. How has God provided for you? Has He provided for you in any unexpected ways?

BLESSING

God proves His faithfulness again and again, but we tend to forget or don't recognize it, because it is not the way we pictured it. God is good and trustworthy. His timing and plans for our lives are always far better than our own.

Victory with God



MEMORY VERSE: “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”
Isaiah 41:10

DAY 1

JOSHUA 6:1-16 — God’s Plan for Jericho

1. Read verses 1-5. How did Joshua know that they would win the battle at Jericho? What battle plan was given to Joshua?
2. Read verses 6-16. Why do you think God chose to have the Israelites conquer Jericho this way? What role or responsibility did the people have? What traits were needed to fulfill the role God had given to them?
3. According to Hebrews 11:30, what word describes the reason for the victory? What are you facing that requires this same quality?

DAY 2

JOSHUA 6:17-27 — Jericho Is Destroyed

4. Read verses 17-19. What are Joshua’s orders about what is to be destroyed? Why? What was to be saved? Why?
5. Read verses 20-25. What happened to the town? What happened to Rahab and her family? What does this tell you about God?

6. What happened to Joshua because he obeyed God? v. 27

DAY 3 JOSHUA 7:1-26 — Disobedience Brings Defeat

7. Who was to receive all things from Jericho (6:17-19)?

Read chapter 7, verses 1-5. How was God's command disobeyed? What was the result of this disobedience when Israel went against Ai?

8. Read verses 6-13. What does God say in verse 11? Why do you think the whole nation suffered for one family's sin? What can we learn about sin from this?

9. Read verses 16-26. What happened to Achan and his family because of his disobedience? What was God's response after the sin was eliminated?

10. Israel could not fight in God's power unless they walked in obedience to Him. How is this true in our lives as well?

DAY 4 JOSHUA 8:1-35 — God Brings Victory Over Ai

11. Read verses 1-2. How does Joshua know they will win over Ai this time? What does the fact that God allowed the Israelites to have the plunder from Ai when He didn't in Jericho, tell you about God?

12. Verses 10-29 tell the events of the battle. Did their battle plan work? What happened to Ai and to the king?

13. Read verses 30-35. What did Joshua do after the battle? Why do you think it was important for Joshua to review the law (blessings and curses) with the people?

14. All the words Joshua read can be summed up in Moses' words in Deuteronomy 11:26-28. In what way are these words valid for us today?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 6-8 — Wrap Up

15. Only God could do a mighty work as He did in Jericho. Do you stop to thank God and remember what He has done in your life? How can you take time this week to focus on God and what He has done in your life?

16. What is the relationship between obeying and honoring God and receiving God's blessings?

TAKE AWAY

Honoring God and loving His commands is a formula for success. Do this, and you can be victorious over the "walls" God wants to bring down in your life.

BLESSING

"Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible." Matthew 19:26

Battles for God



MEMORY VERSE: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

DAY 1 JOSHUA 9:1-15 — Israelites Are Deceived by the Gibeonites

1. Read verses 1-13. How did the Gibeonites trick Joshua and Israel?
2. Read verses 14-15. How did Joshua and the leaders respond? How should they have responded?
3. What can we learn from this passage? How can you know when to believe people and when not to? What does asking counsel from the Lord look like today?

DAY 2 JOSHUA 9:16-27 — Israelites Realize Their Mistake

4. Why do the Israelites keep their promise to not attack? What was the Gibeonites' punishment?
5. What lessons can you learn from how the Israelites handled this?
6. Why do you think the story of Gibeon is included in detail in the book of Joshua?

DAY 3**JOSHUA 10:1-27 — The Southern Kings Conquered**

The people of Canaan were a threat to the purposes God had for His chosen people. Three Points: 1. The people in Canaan were unspeakably wicked. 2. The land rightfully belonged to the Israelites. God had promised it to them. Israelites were actually driving other people out of their own land. 3. The people had been given plenty of opportunity to turn to God, just as Rahab did.

7. Gibeon was a strong and important city. Five kings joined together to attack it. The odds were not good – 5 kingdoms to 2. How does verse 8 change the odds?

8. Read verses 9-11. What do you think this battle shows about God?

9. Read verses 12-14. What do you learn from this miracle about the power of God and the power of prayer?

10. Read verses 16-27. When Israel returned safely, what did Joshua do with the five kings? What do you think Joshua wanted to teach the people?

DAY 4**JOSHUA 11-12 — The Northern Kings Conquered**

11. Joshua 11 & 12 tells about the battles to conquer more of the land. Israel was fighting for over 7 years. What does verse 11:23 say?

(Not every small town and village had been conquered and occupied. That was up to each individual tribe to do in the land that was assigned to them.)

12. Numbers 33:56 says, "But if you fail to drive out the people who live in the land, those who remain will be like splinters in your eyes and thorns in your sides." God is against whatever takes His place in your heart/life. What tries to take the place of God in your life?
13. Chapter 12 shows God delivering on His promise to reclaim the land for His people. Why do you think a whole chapter was dedicated to listing every king the Israelites defeated in battle? How does this encourage you when you face problems in your life?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 9-12 — Wrap Up

14. What do we learn about Joshua's character from these chapters? How can you imitate these character qualities in your life?
15. What do we learn about God's character from these chapters? How does this affect your relationship with Him?

TAKE AWAY

We need to rely on the Lord and His grace each moment. We should pray and think carefully before making a promise, a commitment, a decision or a deal. Once you make it, keep it.

BLESSING

Victory is from the Lord. We may face obstacles and difficulties, even enemies, just as the Israelites did. But if we rely on the Lord, we will be victorious.

God's Faithfulness



MEMORY VERSE: "Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything He had spoken came true." Joshua 21:25

DAY 1

JOSHUA 13-14:5 — Joshua Divides the Land

Chapters 13-19 describe how the Promised Land was to be divided among the 12 tribes.

1. Read verses 13:1-7. Joshua was now between 85-100 years old. What did God still want Joshua to do? v. 7 (2 1/2 Tribes-Reuben, Gad and 1/2 of Manasseh had received land east of the Jordan River.)
2. Read verse 14:1-5. What important lesson is learned from verse 5?
3. The yet to be conquered land was included in the divisions among the tribes. The Israelites allowed many of the Canaanite tribes to remain in the land even though God had repeatedly told them not to. Why is it so hard to do what we know is right? To stand up to peer pressure? What areas in your life have you let the ways of the culture replace what you know God wants for you?

DAY 2

JOSHUA 14:6-14 — Caleb Is Given His Inheritance

4. Read verses 6-12. Caleb was one of the original spies sent into the Promised Land. Who sent him on this task and how old was he at the time? How old is Caleb now and what proposal does he make to Joshua?

5. What do verses 9 and 14 tell us that Caleb had consistently done? Can you think of an example when you have been blessed for following the Lord?

DAY 3 JOSHUA 15-20 — Tabernacle and Cities Are Established

6. In chapters 15-19, the rest of the land is divided and allotted into portions. God kept His promises and provided for all the people. How does believing God's promises impact your daily life?
7. What inheritance did Joshua receive? When did Joshua receive his inheritance in relation to the rest of Israel? vv. 19:49-50 What do you learn about God from this?
8. Read verses 20:1-6. Cities of refuge were cities setup to ensure that God's principles of justice and fairness were kept throughout the land. What does this show us about God's character?

DAY 4 JOSHUA 21 — The Towns Given to the Levites

9. The tribe of Levi was the priestly tribe and were in charge of the cities of refuge. What did God give the Levi tribe for an inheritance? v. 13:14 Read verses 21:1-3. What do the leaders of the Levi tribe ask for? How did the Israelites respond to the request of the Levites?
10. Read verses 21:43-44. What specific promise did the Lord fulfill to Israel? What was life like for the Israelites after they conquered the land the Lord had promised them?

11. How are God's promises described in 21:45? What significance does that have on us as Christians?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 13-21 — Wrap Up

12. What have you learned from this lesson about God's faithfulness? What do you think we should do when it seems as if God's promises are not fulfilled? List at least three promises that God has given to you as a Christ follower.

13. In what ways was Joshua a good leader? How was Joshua's servant attitude revealed? What is one characteristic of Joshua that you would like to have in your own life?


TAKE AWAY

God keeps all His promises! What concrete action could you take this week to demonstrate your trust in God's promises?

BLESSING

God will not forget the good that you have done for Him. He will remember and reward you even if the good that you did for Him was done in secret.

Serve God

 MEMORY VERSE: “We will serve the Lord our God. We will obey Him alone.”
Joshua 24:24

DAY 1 JOSHUA 22:1-5 — Joshua Sends the Tribes from the East Home

1. In what ways had the tribes of Reuben, Gad and ½ of Manasseh obeyed the Lord? What 5 things does Joshua charge them to do?
2. How do these instructions from Joshua answer the question: “What does God expect of me?” Why do you think God put these 5 elements in this order - love, walk, obey, hold firmly, serve?

DAY 2 JOSHUA 22:6-34 — Tribes from the East Return Home

3. Read verses 10-14. What did these tribes do on their way home? How did the Israelites respond?
4. Read verses 21-29. What had the tribes actually built?
5. What principles can we learn from this disagreement/miscommunication?

6. Israel's readiness to fight this battle on behalf of God's truth and holiness shows great courage, however, it must be done in godly ways. Share ideas on how Christians can stand up for their beliefs in this world.

DAY 3 JOSHUA 23 — Joshua's Farewell Address

7. Read verses 1-5. What does Joshua remind the rulers of the people?
8. Read verses 6-13. What were the positive things they were to do? What were the negative things they were to avoid?
9. Joshua knew Israel's weak spots for temptation. What are your weak spots for temptation?
10. Read verses 14-16. What do we learn about God's character? What is the other side of God's faithfulness which Joshua reveals? Why is it important for us to understand both sides?

DAY 4 JOSHUA 24 — The Lord's Covenant Renewed

11. Verses 1-13 tells of all the wonderful things the Lord did for His people throughout their history. Why did Joshua review the history of Israel? What lessons could they (and we) learn from their history?
12. What does Joshua challenge the people to do? vv. 14-15 What choice did Joshua make? Have you made your choice? Share what it means to you to serve the Lord.

13. Read verse 19-21. What do you think Joshua meant in verse 19 when he says, “You are not able to serve the Lord...?” What do you think God would say of your faith and commitment to Him?
14. Read verses 22-28. What did they do to show their obedience to the Lord over and above just saying they would serve Him? What was the covenant that was made? v. 24
15. Read verses 29-33. What did the Israelites do after Joshua died? v. 31

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16. God’s blessing for obedience and cursing for disobedience was a specific part of Israel’s covenant with God. Because of Jesus we relate to God under a different covenant but we do experience God’s faithfulness to correct us as a loving Father. What does Galatians 3:13-14 tell us about the new covenant?
17. Why do you think Joshua was successful in leading Israel? Why is obeying God the way of life? (For further reference: John 8:31-32; John 14:23; John 15:14; Psalm 16:11)

TAKE AWAY

Choosing to follow the Lord is the most important decision you will make. You must choose to have a personal relationship with God on your own. Will you serve God or this world?

BLESSING

God’s promises to us will be fulfilled according to His timing, not our timing. He wants to build our faith and increase our dependence on Him instead of our reliance on ourselves.

