

Joshua 1

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- Have you ever been challenged by someone to do something that seemed to be crazy, impossible or hard?
- Have you ever been challenged by God to do something that seemed to be impossible, hard or crazy?

Context:

- Israel out of Egypt
- Moses

Joshua 1: 1-18

- 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:
- 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.
- 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.
- 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west.

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- 5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- 6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.
- 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Joshua 1: 1-18

- 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.
- 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

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- 1. Moses is a great leader, but is dead. Joshua has to replace him (leadership experience)
- 2. Moses is respected, anointed. Joshua is not known.
- 3. Israel is anxious to get into the land. Joshua is young. (organization skills)
- 4. Unstable times, war. Joshua has not skills or little skills military wise.
- 5. An entire generation died. Joshua has to inspire faith and hope.

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1. Do I have what it takes? (fear of manhood)
2. What if I fail and the people reject me? (fear of rejection)
 - Then why did Joshua decide to follow God?

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¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:

Joshua being Moses' helper learned to:

- Look for God' supernatural presence/activity
- Be really close to godly people

Joshua when young learned that:

- Listen and discern God's voice

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and

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.

Joshua also learned that:

- God has a plan and it only depends on His power

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Joshua finally learned that:

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- God is faithful all the time

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