

BATTLES BEFORE BLESSINGS

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Scriptures from Christian Standard Version unless noted

THE PROMISED LAND

God's Process...

1. Deliverance (salvation)
2. Development (spiritual growth)
3. Destiny (God's purpose and blessings)

After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant: "Moses my servant is dead."

Joshua 1:1-2

"Moses my servant is dead. Now you and all the people prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites. I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses. Your territory will be from the wilderness and Lebanon to the great river."

Joshua 1:2-4

God's promises are guaranteed, but they're not automatic

"I have given you every place every place where the sole of your foot treads."

Joshua 1:3

"No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or abandon you. Be strong and courageous...be strong and very courageous...be strong and courageous...be strong and courageous!"

Joshua 1:5-7, 9, 18

You can't claim what God does not give, but you can claim what He does give... His promises

"No one will be able to stand against you..."

Joshua 1:5

"Above all, be strong and very courageous to observe carefully the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go. This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do."

Joshua 1:7-9

"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep..."

Acts 13:36 NIV

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness...

2 Timothy 4:7 NIV

What do you do with the Bible?

1. Speak it

"This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth..."

Joshua 1:8

2. Save it

"...you are to meditate on it day and night..."

Joshua 1:8

3. Serve it

"...carefully observe everything written in it."

Joshua 1:8

"Do not turn from it to the right or the left..."

Joshua 1:7

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways."

Isaiah 55:8 NIV

God's objective word opens the door for His subjective guidance.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get provisions ready for yourselves, for within three days you will be crossing the Jordan...'"

Joshua 1:10-11

...the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh... "your best soldiers must cross over in battle formation ahead of your brothers and help them..."

Joshua 1:12, 14

"...until the Lord gives your brothers rest.... You may then return to the land of your inheritance and take possession of what Moses the LORD's servant gave you on the east side of the Jordan." They answered Joshua, "Everything you have commanded us we will do, and everywhere you send us we will go. We will obey you, just as we obeyed Moses in everything. Certainly, the LORD your God will be with you, as he was with Moses."

Joshua 1:15-17