

Faith Triumphs: Joshua's Leadership

Joshua 1:10-18

Main idea: Faith triumphs as God's leaders lead and people follow by faith.

10 And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, 11 "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, 'Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.'" 12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, 13 "Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, 15 until the Lord gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise." 16 And they answered Joshua, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses! 18 Whoever rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous."

God's Leaders Lead By Faith - (vv. 10-15)

- Four essential qualities of faith that godly leaders display in their leadership:
 - Godly leaders rest in the presence of God - **vv. 9, 17**
 - **Psalm 16:7-11**
 - **Exodus 33:12-18**
 - Godly leaders trust in the promises of God - **vv. 11, 12-15**
 - **Psalm 145:13b**
 - **2 Corinthians 1:19-20**
 - Godly leaders are driven by the Word of God - **vv. 12-15**
 - **Psalm 119:97-105, 111-112**
 - **Numbers 32:16-32; Deuteronomy 3:18-20**
 - Godly leaders are obedient to the commission of God - **vv. 2, 11, 14-15**
 - **Psalm 119:57-60**

God's People Follow By Faith - (vv. 16-18)

- God's people respond to faith-filled leadership with faith-filled obedience - **vv. 16-18**
 - **Hebrews 13:7**
- God's people recognize the lordship of their God and submit their lives to Him
 - **Romans 14:7-9**

So What?

- Are you displaying the same essential qualities of faith that Joshua displayed, as you serve and lead? And are you obediently following our King in the areas of life and ministry He has placed you in?
- Do you recognize the lordship of Christ, and willfully submit and follow Him wherever He leads you?
 - **Luke 9:23-26**

Now What? (Small Group Discussion)

- Reflect on this statement: "Good leaders are first good followers." How is this true? Why is this essential? What makes a good leader? How can our following become misguided?
- All of us see needs all around us every day. Why has God placed those things on our hearts? What is the correct response to those ambitions? Do these ambitions create an eagerness to follow through and obey what God has commanded you to do? Why do we so often stir away from doing these things God has placed on our hearts?
- How much do you desire for God to be with you in what you do? Is this trust good or bad? Would greater things happen if we trusted the Lord more?
- Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**. As God's people, we are one Body connected together through the blood of Jesus Christ and by the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead. When all of our Members begin to function, work, and live out our faith individually and corporately, what is the inevitable outcome? How does this outcome bleed out into our everyday lives and community?