

Prepare to Lead Courageous Leadership – Part 2

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Matthew 6:10 (ESV) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

John 10:27 (ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

1. _____ God's Word

Joshua 2:1 (ESV) And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there.

Joshua 2:8-9 (ESV) Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you.

Joshua 2:23-24 (ESV) Then the two men returned ... and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us."

2. _____ in faith

Joshua 3:7 (ESV) The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

Joshua 3:8 (ESV) And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."

Joshua 3:10 (ESV) And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites ... and the Jebusites.

Joshua 3:13 (ESV) And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

Joshua 4:20-22 (ESV) And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.'

3. _____ God's Word

Joshua 5:2-3 (ESV) At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time." So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.

Joshua 5:9 (ESV) And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

Joshua 5:11-12a (ESV) And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Joshua 2-5).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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- Intro. What were some of the challenges that Joshua faced in leading Israel into the Promised Land?
- Intro. Why are leaders often called by God to do things they've never done before?
- Intro. What is our responsibility as leaders to help bring about what we pray for in Matthew 6:10?
- Intro. How can we learn to distinguish Jesus' voice from the other voices around us (John 10:27)?
- 1A. Why did Joshua send the two spies into Jericho (Joshua 2:1)?
- 1B. Why do you think Rahab risked her own life to save the spies (Joshua 2:8-9, Hebrews 11:31)?
- 1C. How was the report of the two spies different than the report of the ten spies of Moses (Joshua 2:23-24, Numbers 13:31-33)?
- 1D. How is God calling you to be a leader in your life?

- 1D. What are some ways God confirms his Word to us, and why is this valuable?
- 2A. What kind of faith was required of Joshua and the priests to follow God's instructions (Joshua 3:7-8)?
- 2B. How did God exalt Joshua as a leader and build the people's faith at the same time (Joshua 3:10, 13)?
- 2C. What was the importance of the memorial set up at Gilgal (Joshua 4:20-22)? What types of memorials could we make today?
- 2D. What kinds of challenges do we face when we are called to step out in faith?
- 3A. Why did God require all the men to be circumcised as they entered the Promised Land (Joshua 5:2-3, 9)?
- 3B. What was the significance of the manna ceasing (Joshua 5:11-12)?
- 3C. What might Joshua and the Israelites have learned about obedience during their entry into the Promised Land?
- 3D. What can you learn from today's message about entering into new seasons in your life?