



APRIL 14

JOSHUA



STRONG & COURAGEOUS

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The Man Joshua

a) came out of Egypt as a slave

b) had a position to see clearly God's work

- Numbers 11:28 – Moses Aide

- Exodus 24:12-13 – Mountain of God

- Exodus 33:7-11 – Staying in Tent of Meeting

c) important role in desert life

- Numbers 13-14 – one of twelve spies sent

- Deut. 1:38 – chosen by God to lead into promised land

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1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory

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⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

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⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." ¹⁰ And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, ¹¹ "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the

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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

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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."

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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."

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1. Pack Your Bags – Time to Move 1:1-5

a) Get ready to cross the Jordan

b) I am delivering on my promise

- size and scope of land promised

- will give you every place you place your foot

- no one will stand against you

c) I am with you

- like you witnessed with Moses

- will not leave you or forsake you

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2. Keys to Success 1:5-10

a) Be Strong and Courageous ... (why?)

- My Presence is Secured vs.5

- My Promise is Clear vs.6

- My Parameters are Defined vs.7-8

 - *careful to obey the Law*

 - *stay in the book of the Law*

 - * pay attention to the specifics *

 - * my ability to grant success and prosper you is tied to your ability to obey

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b) keep perspective

- I have commanded you – be strong and courageous**
- Do not be terrified**
- Do not be discouraged**
- I am with you wherever you go.**

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3. Call to the People vs. 10-18

a) Time of Departure Announced

- three days to get stuff**
- God is calling us to take action with him**
- The Jordan at flood stage, enemies way better armed and defended, no clear "how" given to them, call to commence without full details**

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b) This is for All of you 12-15

- two and a half tribes given land east of river**
- commanded to fight until all receive land**
- Chpt 22 – see them blessed, headed home**

c) Response Required 16-18

- needed to give their commitment**
- important to agree to follow God's man, will be disagreement, mistakes, things they don't understand.**
- rebellion addressed ahead of time**

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So What?

1. God had given us a promise and a mission

- Matt. 28, Romans 8, Romans 10

- world would know through us

- wait for empowerment and go

- He will build his church

- He will be with us

- clear mission and promise – with his word

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2. The How has Not Changed

- God desires to do this, allows us to participate
- Presence of God – delivered and available
- Promise of God – clear in His word given
- Parameters for Role – defined by Him for Us
- Our Response
 - know the scriptures, don't turn right or left, meditate on it and be careful to be obedient
 - if terrified or discouraged – renew perspective

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3. Get Going

- **Pack your stuff – what's holding you back?**
- **Get on the team – don't settle in your land**
- **Speak your response – evidence a response to God's call on your life**
- **Take Courage – if God is for us, with us, has the authority, desires our best, this could be exciting!**