



A SERIES FROM THE  
BOOK OF JOSHUA

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. 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.



**Joshua 1:1-9**

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.”



**Joshua 1:1-9**

# Background

- ✓ Joshua Moses's assistant
- ✓ Exodus 17:9-14 – Let the battle against the Amalekites
- ✓ Exodus 24:13 – Went with Moses to mount Sinai.
- ✓ Numbers 11:28 – Was with Moses most of his life.
- ✓ Numbers 13:16 – Had his name changed by Moses from Hosea ('salvation') to Joshua ('YHWH saves').
- ✓ Numbers 14:6-10, 30-38 – With Caleb, spied out the land and came back with a positive report.
- ✓ Numbers 27:18-23 – Commissioned to serve with Moses.
- ✓ Deuteronomy 31:23 – Commissioned to replace Moses.
- ✓ Deuteronomy 34:9 – Filled with the spirit of wisdom.

# The Book of Joshua begins with God's commissioning of Israel's new leader.

1. God described Joshua's mission—to go in and possess the land (1:2–6).
2. God hinged Joshua's success on three key factors:
  - i. God's own presence (1:5)
  - ii. Joshua's personal strength and courage (1:7, 9) and
  - iii. Joshua's attention to and application of God's Word (1:7–8).
3. God Keeps His word:

**God guarantees His presence as we navigate  
through life and follow Him & will keep His word**

When in doubt when in fear

When in complications when in struggles

When in brokenness Go to His promises that are clear in His word

# Transitions...

- ✓ Can carry anticipation
- ✓ Can carry excitement
- ✓ Can be painful
- ✓ Can be exhausting
- ✓ Can hold heavy expectations
- ✓ Can be about grieving

# **In transitions...**

## **1. Rise**

- ✓ Recognize the steps you need to take**
- ✓ Receive the challenge**
- ✓ Be clear on what you won't compromise**

# In transitions...

## 2. Rely

- ✓ God's promises
- ✓ God's will
- ✓ God's voice
- ✓ Respect God's commands



# In transitions...

## 3. Re-focus

- ✓ Respect God's commands
- ✓ Clear away distractions – fear, sin
- ✓ Find people of peace
- ✓ Remember the past, don't let it define you

# Next steps

- **What are you focused on?**
- **Surrender where you in control to God**
- **Share in communion as a reminder of Gods presence?**