

## Joshua – Take the Land – Be the Man

The Book of Joshua is the book of conquest. The battlefield is Canaan, and it is where God keeps His promise that He made with Abraham. In this study, we will use the land possessed by Joshua and the People of Israel as a metaphor to understand how we take possession of what it means to be a Christian man. We will exam 10 issues that men face every day. Each day is a battle to be faced with courage, strength and faith. You must be courageous! Will you?

### IDENTITY: A Call to Action! – Joshua 1:6-9; 24:15

#### Joshua – Ready to Lead – Committed to the Book.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Moses wrote the Book (Ex. 17:14). This book became the center of the life of the people of Israel (Deut. 31:9-13). The people were to know the content that God had given through Moses in the book. God commanded His words be written in a book. Moses wrote it over a period of 40 years. When Moses completed the Pentateuch, he commanded that it be kept in a sacred place (Deut. 31:26). It was to be preserved and read regularly to all the people.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Joshua was commanded to remember the Book as he assumed leadership (Joshua 1:1-8). God was clear about 3 things:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ → The law as not to depart out of Joshua's mouth.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ → He was to meditate on it day and night.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ → He was to practice the commands daily.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → Joshua was given an objective standard to judge everything else, and the standard was so clear that God expected the ordinary people to understand it when it was periodically read to them. Moses wrote, and Moses died. Joshua continued to write; the Book continued to grow.

#### The Land—Manhood: Identity as Roles.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → There is no greater joy than to "feel" completely loved as a child.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → No higher honor than to believe in Jesus and want to model your life after his teachings and example.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → Being someone who cares for others and is part of a Team (John 15:15).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ → The desire to help others find peace and purpose in Jesus.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ → We "house" the presence of God. Be respectful of how you care for yourself.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ → We can share the fullness of God's gifts with others.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ → We are ready for daily direction from God (John 14:26).

#### The Land—Manhood: Loved & Declaration.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → We must experience the love of Jesus and believe that God really loves us without reservation, unconditionally, just as we are. We need to feel the real presence of Jesus and be filled with character and conduct that validates our belief (Galatians 5:22-23; James 4:6)! We must receive the love of God before we can offer it to others.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → We need to declare our identity" in Christ" and be clear about the purpose and meaning of our life.

"Heavenly Father, I am tired of weak, unsatisfying faith. I am weary of leading a divided life. I want to be so fully "in Christ" that others want to catch what I have. As a "new creation," I long to know your love for me as a son, disciple, friend, servant, temple, vessel, and charge of the Holy Spirit. I want to experience and infectiously exhibit all the fruit of your Spirit, with all humility. So here today, I take my stand. My deepest desire is to follow Jesus. I belong to YOU!"

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION: Journal This!**

1. What Book has influenced you most?
2. What role is most challenging to you today?
3. Will you declare your allegiance to Jesus?