



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. Every day is a battle to be fought. You must fight! Will you?

A Man will fight for what God promised.

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Let's Roll – Getting Started to the Land of Manhood
 – Overview – Joshua 1:6-9

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Bible Verses: Joshua 1:6-9; I John 4:4-6; Hebrews 4:8-11; Deuteronomy 6:10, 11; Deuteronomy 7:1-5; Deuteronomy 11:10-12; Ephesians 3:20, 21
Music: Chris Young - The Man I Want to Be
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWcs1GmJRQs>

Resources: *Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History* by Francis A. Schaeffer.
The Christian Man – A Conversation About the 10 Issues Men Say Matter Most by Patrick Morley.
Videos: Dirty Harry - Do I Feel Lucky? (1971)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ky7rHZmk9Yw>

Overview of Joshua

1. _____ → Joshua describes one of the most memorable conquests in history and involves graphic scenes of war. It covers a period of about 25 years.
2. _____ → Key Thought: Victory was due to faith in God, not to the arm of man (I John 4:4-6). Outline:
 1. Entering the Land (Chapters 1-5).
 2. Overcoming the Land (Chapters 6-12).
 3. Occupying the Land (Chapters 13-24).
3. _____ → Canaan is a symbol of the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel (Heb. 4:8-11). The Christian life is no more meant to be a wilderness than a wedding feast is meant to be a time of mourning and grief. God has opened up to us in Christ a present experience of life comparable to a fertile, fragrant, fruitful, sunbathed Canaan—a “land of corn and wine,” a land “flowing with milk and honey.”

Joshua: The Land—God Wants to Give Us.

1. _____ → Canaan was Israel's REST—a home, instead of the wilderness. The tired hands and blistered feet were to find refreshing contrast in the responsive yields of Canaan's fertile plains and valleys. The promised rest had been wonderfully prepared for their coming (Deut. 6:10, 11). They would be able to lie down in safety, none making them afraid.
2. _____ → Canaan was the place of BOUNTY—the land “flowing with milk and honey” (Deut. 11:10-12). Canaan was the place of abundance—“able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us ...” (Eph. 3:20, 21).
3. _____ → Canaan was the place of TRIUMPH—a place where enemies are defeated. A faithful Israel would experience Canaan as WINNERS (Deut. 7:1-5).

The Land: 10 Challenges That Men Must Conquer.

1. _____ → Settling Who I Am and What My Life is About (II Corinthians 5:17). When you seek your identity in Jesus Christ and his gospel, you will find a deep, lasting satisfaction so infectious that others will want it too.
2. _____ → How to Be Faithful with Everything Entrusted to Me (I Corinthians 4:2). You have all the time you need to do everything God wants you to do
3. _____ → Becoming a More Kingdom-Minded Man (Romans 12:2). A Bible, a small group, and serving someone else will solve 90% of your problems.
4. _____ → Finding a New Best Friend in My Wife (Proverbs 18:22). Most marriage problems would disappear if we would simply speak to our wives with the same kindness, courtesy, forethought, and respect with which we speak to our coworkers.
5. _____ → A Dad Who Really Makes a Difference (Proverbs 22:15). “Yes, I love you, and NO, you can't have your own way.
6. _____ → Finding and Keeping Godly Friends (Proverbs 18:24). What's really going to help you long-term is to find a friend or two, or join a small group, and live life together with a few brothers with whom you can process what comes your way.
7. _____ → How Should I Think about My Work (Ecclesiastes 2:24, 25)? There is no greater feeling than to believe, “This is what I'm supposed to be doing, right here, right now—even if it's hard.
8. _____ → The Right Way to Deal with This Powerful Drive (Matthew 5:27-28). The practical solution to lust (and other sexual immorality) for most men is to get married and enjoy regular sex with their wife.
9. _____ → The Role of a Christian Man in Our World and Culture (Jeremiah 29:7). God wants each of us to go find some unredeemed corner of culture and claim it for the glory of Christ.
10. _____ → Having Authentic Spiritual Conversations with My Friends (II Corinthians 5:20). We're not trying to trick people into becoming Christians. Evangelism is simply taking someone as far as they want to go toward Jesus at that particular moment.

ACTION: Journal This!

1. What is your biggest challenges for this year?
2. What are your greatest resources?
3. What is the story you want to tell on the last day of this year?

Bible Verses – The Message

Joshua 1:6-9 - 6 Strength! Courage! You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. **7** Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. **8** And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. **9** Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take." The Taking of the Land

I John 4:4-6 - 4 My dear children, you come from God and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over those false teachers, for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world. **5** These people belong to the Christ-denying world. They talk the world's language and the world eats it up. **6** But we come from God and belong to God. Anyone who knows God understands us and listens. The person who has nothing to do with God will, of course, not listen to us. This is another test for telling the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of deception.

Hebrews 4:8-11 - 8 And so this is still a live promise. It wasn't canceled at the time of Joshua; otherwise, God wouldn't keep renewing the appointment for "today." **9** The promise of "arrival" and "rest" is still there for God's people. **10** God himself is at rest. And at the end of the journey we'll surely rest with God. **11** So let's keep at it and eventually arrive at the place of rest, not drop out through some sort of disobedience.

Deuteronomy 6:10, 11 - 10 When God, your God, ushers you into the land he promised through your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to give you, you're going to walk into large, bustling cities you didn't build, **11** well-furnished houses you didn't buy, come upon wells you didn't dig, vineyards and olive orchards you didn't plant. When you take it all in and settle down, pleased and content,

Deuteronomy 7:1-5 - 1 When God, your God, brings you into the country that you are about to enter and take over, he will clear out the superpowers that were there before you: the Hittite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, the anaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Those seven nations are all bigger and stronger than you are. **2** God, your God, will turn them over to you and you will conquer them. You must completely destroy them, offering them up as a holy destruction to God. Don't make a treaty with them. Don't let them off in any way. **3** Don't marry them: Don't give your daughters to their sons and don't take their daughters for your sons - **4** before you know it they'd involve you in worshiping their gods, and God would explode in anger, putting a quick end to you. **5** Here's what you are to do: Tear apart their altars stone by stone, smash their phallic pillars, chop down their sex-and-religion Asherah groves, set fire to their carved god-images.

Deuteronomy 11:10-12 - 10 The land you are entering to take up ownership isn't like Egypt, the land you left, where you had to plant your own seed and water it yourselves as in a vegetable garden. **11** But the land you are about to cross the river and take for your own is a land of mountains and valleys; it drinks water that rains from the sky. **12** It's a land that God, your God, personally tends - he's the gardener - he alone keeps his eye on it all year long.

Ephesians 3:20, 21 - 20 God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. **21** Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

“The Man I Want to Be” by Chris Young

<p>God, I'm down here on my knees 'Cause it's the last place left to fall Beggin' for another chance If there's any chance at all That You might still be listenin' Lovin' and forgivin' guys like me</p> <p>I've spent my whole life Gettin' it all wrong And I sure could use Your help 'Cause from now on</p> <p>I want to be a good man A do like I should man I want to be the kind of man The mirror likes to see</p>	<p>I want to be a strong man And admit that I was wrong man God, I'm asking You to come change me Into the man I want to be</p> <p>If there's anyway for her and me To make another start Could You see what You could do To put some love back in her heart? 'Cause it goin' to take a miracle After all I've done to really make her see</p> <p>That I want to be a stay man I want to be a brave man I want to be the kind of man She sees in her dreams</p>	<p>God, I want to be Your man And I want to be her man God, I only hope she still believes In the man I want to be</p> <p>Well, I know this late at night the talk is cheap But Lord, don't give up on me</p> <p>I want to be a givin' man I want to really start livin', man God, I'm asking You to come change me Into the man I want to be</p>
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