



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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IDENTITY: The Experience of Joy!
Joshua 1:6-9; 24:15

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Bible Verses: Joshua 1:6-9; Joshua 24:15; Joshua 3:7,8; Joshua 4:12-14; Joshua 5:13-15; Joshua 6:1-5; 15-17; Deuteronomy 31:1-8; I Corinthians 14:37, 38; II Thessalonians 2:15-17; II Peter 1:19-21; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:7,8; I Corinthians 10:1-5
Music: I am yours - Casting Crowns
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ujSGPxnIKc>

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: The Heart of Man

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZPy_WRywzY

Joshua – Ready to Lead – The Power & Person – Joshua 3:7-17; 4:18.

1. _____ → As the people prepared to cross the Jordan River, the waters were stopped even though it was the time of flood, and all the people passed over on dry land. God did that for Joshua as he had done for Moses (Joshua 3:7, 8; 4:12-14). The power was there, and the power was the Lord's. It is the same power through the whole Bible, and God's power is not diminished in our period of history.
2. _____ → God's power was related to a Person—a person who also has continuity in history. The continuity of the supernatural leader was made explicit in the incident near Jericho (Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-5, 15-17). Moses spoke about this continuity at the end of his life (Deut. 31:1-8). God's power was personal and the Person was there.

The Land—Manhood: Book – Power – Person.

1. _____ → The continuity that Joshua had in his time of need, we have today (I Cor. 14:37, 38; II Thess. 2:15-17; II Peter 1:19-21). God has given us in the Bible a written, objective, propositional revelation; we can judge by it, and its authority is final.
2. _____ → The same power that was exhibited at the of Moses and Joshua, Jesus claimed was now given to Him (Matthew 28:18). Jesus connected this power to the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). The same power is available to the people of God—in the past, present, and future.
3. _____ → The same leader is with us that was with Moses and Joshua. We need to know the power of the leader (I Cor. 10:1-5).

The Land—Manhood: Identity & Joy.

1. _____ → You cannot experience Joy without a clear identity. Joy is a relational experience that forms the basis for spiritual experience, human bonding, healthy identity growth and good health in general. The experience of "God with us" is fundamental to Joy (John 15:11-15; John 16:19-24).
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 are your greatest resources for today?
2. What is your level of Joy?
3. Have you declared your Identity today?

"Who Am I" by Casting Crowns

<p>Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth Would care to know my name, Would care to feel my hurt?</p> <p>Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star Would choose to light the way For my ever wandering heart? Not because of who I am, But because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done, But because of who You are. I am a flower quickly fading: Here today and gone tomorrow. A wave tossed in the ocean, A vapor in the wind. Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling. And You've told me who I am. I am Yours, I am Yours.</p>	<p>Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin Would look on me with love and watch me rise again?</p> <p>Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea Would call out through the rain And calm the storm in me? Not because of who I am, But because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done, But because of who You are. I am a flower quickly fading: Here today and gone tomorrow. A wave tossed in the ocean, A vapor in the wind. Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling. And You've told me who I am. I am Yours.</p>	<p>Not because of who I am, But because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done, But because of who You are. I am a flower quickly fading: Here today and gone tomorrow. A wave tossed in the ocean, A vapor in the wind. Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling. And told me who I am. I am Yours, I am Yours, I am Yours. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? 'Cause I am Yours, I am Yours.</p>
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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

Joshua 24:15 - 15 "If you decide that it's a bad thing to worship God, then choose a god you'd rather serve - and do it today. Choose one of the gods your ancestors worshiped from the country beyond The River, or one of the gods of the Amorites, on whose land you're now living. As for me and my family, we'll worship God."

Deuteronomy 31:1-8 - 1 Moses went on and addressed these words to all Israel. **2** He said, "I'm 120 years old today. I can't get about as I used to. And God told me, 'You're not going to cross this Jordan River.' **3** "God, your God, will cross the river ahead of you and destroy the nations in your path so that you may dispossess them. (And Joshua will cross the river before you, as God said he would.) **4** God will give the nations the same treatment he gave the kings of the Amorites, Sihon and Og, and their land; he'll destroy them. **5** God will hand the nations over to you, and you'll treat them exactly as I have commanded you. **6** "Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because God, your God, is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you." **7** Then Moses summoned Joshua. He said to him with all Israel watching, "Be strong. Take courage. You will enter the land with this people, this land that God promised their ancestors that he'd give them. You will make them the proud possessors of it. **8** God is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you. Don't be intimidated. Don't worry."

Joshua 3:7,8 - 7 God said to Joshua, "This very day I will begin to make you great in the eyes of all Israel. They'll see for themselves that I'm with you in the same way that I was with Moses. **8** You will command the priests who are carrying the Chest of the Covenant: 'When you come to the edge of the Jordan's waters, stand there on the river bank.'"

Joshua 4:12-14 - 12 The Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh had crossed over in battle formation in front of the People of Israel, obedient to Moses' instructions. **13** All told, about 40,000 armed soldiers crossed over before God to the plains of Jericho, ready for battle. **14** God made Joshua great that day in the sight of all Israel. They were in awe of him just as they had been in awe of Moses all his life.

Joshua 5:13-15 - 13 And then this, while Joshua was there near Jericho: He looked up and saw right in front of him a man standing, holding his drawn sword. Joshua stepped up to him and said, "Whose side are you on - ours or our enemies'?" **14** He said, "Neither. I'm commander of God's army. I've just arrived." Joshua fell, face to the ground, and worshiped. He asked, "What orders does my Master have for his servant?" **15** God's army commander ordered Joshua, "Take your sandals off your feet. The place you are standing is holy." Joshua did it.

Joshua 6:1-5; 15-17 - 1 Jericho was shut up tight as a drum because of the People of Israel: no one going in, no one coming out. **2** God spoke to Joshua, "Look sharp now. I've already given Jericho to you, along with its king and its crack troops. **3** Here's what you are to do: March

around the city, all your soldiers. Circle the city once. Repeat this for six days. **4** Have seven priests carry seven ram's horn trumpets in front of the Chest. On the seventh day march around the city seven times, the priests blowing away on the trumpets. **5** And then, a long blast on the ram's horn - when you hear that, all the people are to shout at the top of their lungs. The city wall will collapse at once. All the people are to enter, every man straight on in." **15** When the seventh day came, they got up early and marched around the city this same way but seven times - yes, this day they circled the city seven times. **16** On the seventh time around the priests blew the trumpets and Joshua signaled the people, "Shout! - God has given you the city! **17** The city and everything in it is under a holy curse and offered up to God. "Except for Rahab the harlot - she is to live, she and everyone in her house with her, because she hid the agents we sent.

I Corinthians 14:37, 38 - 37 If any one of you thinks God has something for you to say or has inspired you to do something, pay close attention to what I have written. This is the way the Master wants it. **38** If you won't play by these rules, God can't use you. Sorry.

II Thessalonians 2:15-17 - 15 So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. Keep a tight grip on what you were taught, whether in personal conversation or by our letter. **16** May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, **17** put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.

II Peter 1:19-21 - 19 We couldn't be more sure of what we saw and heard - God's glory, God's voice. The prophetic Word was confirmed to us. You'll do well to keep focusing on it. It's the one light you have in a dark time as you wait for daybreak and the rising of the Morning Star in your hearts. **20** The main thing to keep in mind here is that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of private opinion. **21** And why? Because it's not something concocted in the human heart. Prophecy resulted when the Holy Spirit prompted men and women to speak God's Word.

Matthew 28:18-20 - 18 Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: **19** Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **20** Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

Acts 1:7,8 - 7 He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. **8** What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

I Corinthians 10:1-5 - 1 Remember our history, friends, and be warned. All our ancestors were led by the providential Cloud and taken miraculously through the Sea. **2** They went through the waters, in a baptism like ours, as Moses led them from enslaving death to salvation life. **3** They all ate **4** and drank identical food and drink, meals provided daily by God. They drank from the Rock, God's fountain for them that stayed with them wherever they were. And the Rock was Christ. **5** But just experiencing God's wonder and grace didn't seem to mean much - most of them were defeated by temptation during the hard times in the desert, and God was not pleased.

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