



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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FOCUS: What are Your Priorities?
Joshua 1:6-9; 24:15

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Bible Verses: Joshua 1:6-9; Joshua 24:15; Exodus 32:13; Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 3:15; Genesis 4:25-26; I Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 4:31-44

Music: George Strait - I Cross My Heart
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IUICNqAKKA>

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: One of the Great Dialogues - Taken Movie
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFalQYcQf-c>

Joshua – Ready to Lead – The Power of Promise!

1. _____ → God reminded Joshua of the promise he had made to the patriarchs (Joshua 1:6). At the golden calf, Moses pleaded the people's cause (Ex. 32:13).
2. _____ → Abraham was promised by God a place that was going to belong to him. A great nation would descend from him. God told him that he would be a blessing beyond his own race to all the world (Gen. 12:1-3).
3. _____ → God introduced the promise of grace because rebels could no longer come to Him on the basis of their own works, or merit (Genesis 3:15).
4. _____ → The human race is united—it comes from one ancestor, Adam. Yet, it is divided into two branches, one having turned back to God (Seth) and the other standing in the flow of the rebellion (Cain). The promised one would come from the strand of Seth (Genesis 4:25, 26).
5. _____ → #1 - Spiritual Promise: All the world would be blessed through Abraham. That promise pointed to Christ coming to crush the serpent's head through Abraham. #2 - National Blessing: The promise of being a blessing to the whole world and the promise of the land.

The Land—Manhood: What Are Your Priorities? – I Corinthians 4:1-5.

1. _____ → "You have all the time you need to do everything God wants you to do." How can you juggle all the demands on your time, intellect, emotions, money, and relationships?"
2. _____ → Jesus had the same problem as you do—he couldn't be in more than one place at time (Luke 4:31-44).
3. _____ → A priority is anything to which you assign a high degree of urgency or importance. Priorities are what we decide in advance that matters most. As such, they precede goal setting and decision making. Priorities help us manage the pressures that will otherwise manage us. We need to decide our priorities in advance.

ACTION: Journal This!

1. What are feeling stress about Today?
2. What do you believe you need Today?
3. What are your most important resources?

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."

Exodus 32:13 - 13 Think of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants to whom you gave your word, telling them 'I will give you many children, as many as the stars in the sky, and I'll give this land to your children as their land forever.'"

Genesis 12:1-3 - 1 God told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you. **2** I'll make you a great nation and bless you. I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing. **3** I'll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I'll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 3:15 - 15 I'm declaring war between you and the Woman, between your offspring and hers. He'll wound your head, you'll wound his heel."

Genesis 4:25-26 - 25 Adam slept with his wife again. She had a son whom she named Seth. She said, "God has given me another child in place of Abel whom Cain killed." **26** And then Seth had a son whom he named Enosh. That's when men and women began praying and worshiping in the name of God.

I Corinthians 4:1-5 - 1 Don't imagine us leaders to be something we aren't. We are servants of Christ, not his masters. We are guides into God's most sublime secrets, not security guards posted to protect them. **2** The requirements for a good guide are reliability and accurate knowledge. **3** It matters very little to me what you think of me, even less where I rank in popular opinion. I don't even rank myself. Comparisons in these matters are pointless. **4** I'm not aware of anything that would disqualify me from being a good guide for you, but that doesn't mean much. The Master makes that judgment. **5** So don't get ahead of the Master and jump to conclusions with your judgments before all the evidence is in. When he comes, he will bring out in the open and place in evidence all kinds of things we never even dreamed of - inner motives and purposes and prayers. Only then will any one of us get to hear the "Well done!" of God

Luke 4:31-44 - 31 He went down to Capernaum, a village in Galilee. He was teaching the people on the Sabbath. **32** They were surprised and impressed - his teaching was so forthright, so confident, so authoritative, not the quibbling and quoting they were used to. **33** In the meeting place that day there was a man demonically disturbed. He screamed, **34** "Ho! What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you're up to. You're the Holy One of God and you've come to destroy us!" **35** Jesus shut him up: "Quiet! Get out of him!" The demonic spirit threw the man down in front of them all and left. The demon didn't hurt him. **36** That set everyone back on their heels, whispering and wondering, "What's going on here? Someone whose words make things happen? Someone who orders demonic spirits to get out and they go?" **37** Jesus was the talk of the town. **38** He left the meeting place and went to Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was running a high fever and they asked him to do something for her. **39** He stood over her, told the fever to leave - and it left. Before they knew it, she was up getting dinner for them. **40** When the sun went down, everyone who had anyone sick with some ailment or other brought them to him. One by one he placed his hands on them and healed them. **41** Demons left in droves, screaming, "Son of God! You're the Son of God!" But he shut them up, refusing to let them speak because they knew too much, knew him to be the Messiah. **42** He left the next day for open country. But the crowds went looking and, when they found him, clung to him so he couldn't go on. **43** He told them, "Don't you realize that there are yet other villages where I have to tell the Message of God's kingdom, that this is the work God sent me to do?" **44** Meanwhile he continued preaching in the meeting places of Galilee.

"I Cross My Heart" by George Strait

Our love is unconditional, we knew it from the start.
I see it in your eyes, you can feel it from my heart.
From here on after let's stay the way we are right now,
And share all the love and laughter that a lifetime will allow.

[Chorus:]

I cross my heart and promise to
Give all I've got to give to make all your dreams come true.
In all the world you'll never find a love as true as mine.

You will always be the miracle that makes my life complete,
And as long as there's a breath in me, I'll make yours just as sweet.
As we look into the future, it's as far as we can see,
So let's make each tomorrow be the best that it can be.

[Chorus]

And if along the way we find a day it starts to storm,
You've got the promise of my love to keep you warm.
In all the world you'll never find a love as true as mine,
A love as true as mine.

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