



## 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: Name Your Priorities? – Part II  
 Joshua 1:6-9; 24:15

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**Bible Verses:** Joshua 1:6-9; Joshua 24:15; I Chronicles 16:8-19; Exodus 19:3-6; Exodus 17:14; Luke 18:6-8; Revelation 19:11-16; Colossians 3:22-25; I Timothy 4:6-10; I Timothy 6:6-10; Proverbs 21:20; II Timothy 2:1-7; I Peter 4:7-11  
**Music:** Bruce Springsteen - This Land is Your Land  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkQzsDav-ol>

**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:** Braveheart - Motivational Speech - Inspirational Speech - William Wallace  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2vW-rr9ibE>

### Joshua – Ready to Lead – The National Portion of the Promise!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → #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.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → The National portion of the promise had a strong relationship to the land. This promise is throughout Scripture. David writes about it (I Chron. 16:8-19). The picture is that the people of Israel have various blessings, like individual beads, but the string that ties the separate beads together is the land of Canaan. God make it clear to Abraham that a great nation would come from him and that God would give this nation the land of Canaan.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → At Mount Sinai, the Jews became a nation (Ex. 19:3-6). As the Jews left Sinai, all but one piece was in place. They were now a nation, they had the law, they had been given the new order of worship, they had the book (Ex. 17:14). The last of the pieces, the promise of the land, was ready to be put in place. In only a year and two months after being slaves in Egypt, the people were ready to complete the full complex of the promise of God! The people had only to believe the promises that had been given; instead they rebelled.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ → When the Israelites stood on the east bank of the Jordan, the evil of the Amorites was full. The sword of Joshua was the sword of God in judgment—an exact parallel to the flood and to the destruction of Sodom. When evil and rebellion come to the full, then God judges (Luke 18:6-8; Rev. 19:11-16). God gave us Christ because we rebelled and could not come to God in our own goodness. Power – Leader – Promise – ready to take the Land.

### The Land—Manhood: Biblical Priorities?

1. **Love God** → Loving God is what matters most (Matthew 22:34-40).
2. **Love People** → The priority of loving people captures the essence of everything taught in both the Old and New Testaments (Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 7:12; Galatians 5:13-15; I Peter 4:7-11).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → A divine summons to serve God (Col. 3:22-25; I Timothy 4:6-10). It also includes the ways we support good health so we don't get burned out.
  1. "I will stop thinking of work as merely a means to other ends and begin to look for intrinsic value in the work I do. My life's work is "serving others."
  2. "I will be more intentional and deliberate about my health, leisure, rest, and recreation."
4. \_\_\_\_\_ → How do we handle it (I Timothy 6:6-10; Proverbs 21:20)? "The Bible contains 2,350 verses dealing with money and possessions, and 15% of everything Jesus said had to do with it." – Howard Dayton. Be generous. Be a steward. Develop a financial plan that leads to financial security.
  1. "I will tithe 10% of my income and I will save 5% of my income. I will get help from a mentor, a financial planner to guide me toward better handling of money."
5. \_\_\_\_\_ → We belong to Jesus! Use your gifts and your brokenness for the glory of God by loving and serving others (II Timothy 2:1-7; I Peter 4:7-11). Everything we do can be ministry.
  1. "I will seek to determine/know what my gifts are and use them to help others. I will also be open, vulnerable, and transparent about my brokenness and failures in order to see God restore what He designed me to be."

### ACTION: Journal This!

1. How do you serve God in your job?
2. How do you manage your money to honor God?
3. What is your ministry?

## 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."

**I Chronicles 16:8-19** - 8 Thank God! Call out his Name! Tell the whole world who he is and what he's done! 9 Sing to him! Play songs for him! Broadcast all his wonders! 10 Revel in his holy Name, God-seekers, be jubilant! 11 Study God and his strength, seek his presence day and night; 12 Remember all the wonders he performed, the miracles and judgments that came out of his mouth. 13 Seed of Israel his servant! Children of Jacob, his first choice! 14 He is God, our God; wherever you go you come on his judgments and decisions. 15 He keeps his commitments across thousands of generations, the covenant he commanded, 16 The same one he made with Abraham, the very one he swore to Isaac; 17 He posted it in big block letters to Jacob, this eternal covenant with Israel: 18 "I give you the land of Canaan, this is your inheritance; 19 Even though you're not much to look at, a few straggling strangers."

**Exodus 19:3-6** - 3 As Moses went up to meet God, God called down to him from the mountain: "Speak to the House of Jacob, tell the People of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did to Egypt and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to me. 5 If you will listen obediently to what I say and keep my covenant, out of all peoples you'll be my special treasure. The whole Earth is mine to choose from, 6 but you're special: a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.' "This is what I want you to tell the People of Israel."

**Exodus 17:14** - 14 God said to Moses, "Write this up as a reminder to Joshua, to keep it before him, because I will most certainly wipe the very memory of Amalek off the face of the Earth."

**Luke 18:6-8** - 6 Then the Master said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? 7 So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? 8 I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?"

**Revelation 19:11-16** - 11 Then I saw Heaven open wide - and oh! a white horse and its Rider. The Rider, named Faithful and True, judges and makes war in pure righteousness. 12 His eyes are a blaze of fire, on his head many crowns. He has a Name inscribed that's known only to himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe soaked with blood, and he is addressed as "Word of God." 14 The armies of Heaven, mounted on white horses and dressed in dazzling

white linen, follow him. 15 A sharp sword comes out of his mouth so he can subdue the nations, then rule them with a rod of iron. He treads the winepress of the raging wrath of God, the Sovereign-Strong. 16 On his robe and thigh is written, King of kings, Lord of lords.

**Colossians 3:22-25** - 22 Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. 23 Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, 24 confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. 25 The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being Christian doesn't cover up bad work.

**I Timothy 4:6-10** - 6 You've been raised on the Message of the faith and have followed sound teaching. Now pass on this counsel to the Christians there, and you'll be a good servant of Jesus. 7 Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. Exercise daily in God - no spiritual flabbiness, please! 8 Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever. 9 You can count on this. Take it to heart. 10 This is why we've thrown ourselves into this venture so totally. We're banking on the living God, Savior of all men and women, especially believers.

**I Timothy 6:6-10** - 6 A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. 7 Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, 8 if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough. 9 But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. 10 Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

**Proverbs 21:20** - 20 Valuables are safe in a wise person's home; fools put it all out for yard sales.

**II Timothy 2:1-7** - 1 So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. 2 Pass on what you heard from me - the whole congregation saying Amen! - to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others. 3 When the going gets rough, take it on the chin with the rest of us, the way Jesus did. 4 A soldier on duty doesn't get caught up in making deals at the marketplace. He concentrates on carrying out orders. 5 An athlete who refuses to play by the rules will never get anywhere. 6 It's the diligent farmer who gets the produce. 7 Think it over. God will make it all plain.

**I Peter 4:7-11** - 7 Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. 8 Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. 9 Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless - cheerfully. 10 Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: 11 if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything - encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

### "THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND" by Bruce Springsteen

Well I rode that ribbon highway I saw above me the endless sky  
I saw below me the golden valley This land was made for you and me  
I've roamed and rambled and followed my footsteps  
Through the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts  
And all around me a voice was calling This land was made for you and me  
  
This land is your land This land is my land  
From California To the New York island  
From the Redwood Forest  
To the Gulf Stream waters

This land was made for you and me  
Well the sun came shining and I was strolling  
Through wheat fields waving and dust clouds rolling  
And a voice was sounding As the fog was lifting  
Saying this land was made for you and me  
This land is your land This land is my land  
From California To the New York island  
From the Redwood Forest To the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me

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