



## 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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#4 Marriage: How's Your Sex Life?  
 Joshua 1:6-9; 24:15

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**Bible Verses:** Joshua 1:1-18; Joshua 24:15; Joshua 4:1-11; Joshua 4:19-24

**Videos:** How Do Sex and Intimacy Go Together | Sheila Wray Gregoire  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcsLo4SRu80>

**Music:** The Flamingos "I Only Have Eyes for You"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrzusdiInKQ>

**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.

### JOSHUA – Stones of Remembrance! – Joshua 4:1-10; 19-24.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → While the priests stood where the river flowed, the waters were held back, and Joshua 4:1–10 describes the Lord's telling Joshua to have one man from each of the twelve tribes of Israel collect a stone from the river after "all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan" (v. 1). Later generations of Israelites would see the stone memorial and ask about it, and their parents were to tell of the miracle at the Jordan so that they would fear—believe and worship—the Lord (vv. 6–7, 19–24). We are to remember what God has done.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Hebrew word used for story in the Bible. The word is the descriptive word for man. It means "the remembering one." The definition of *zakar* teaches that stories incorporate the concepts of recollection and remembrance. The stones of remembrance were to stand as a permanent memorial to God's goodness, provision, and rescue. What remembrance do you have of God's presence. What story can you tell?

### The Land—Manhood: Marriage – Moving Toward a Godly View of Sex.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → In *The Great Sex Rescue* the authors ask the question, "Do our evangelical resources for sex and marriage point readers to healthy relationship dynamics or unhealthy ones?"
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → The definition of great sex—that sex should be personal, be pleasurable, be pure, be prioritized, be pressure-free, put the other first, and be passionate.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → *The Great Sex Rescue* provides a refreshing, egalitarian view of sex missing from most Christian resources. Evangelical books repeatedly command women to have frequent sex with their husbands to keep them from watching porn. They teach women that it is an obligation and "wifely duty" for women to give their husbands sex whenever the men want it. And most shockingly, *Every Man's Battle* advises women to "be like a merciful vial of methadone" for their husbands' sex drives.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ → The Book embraces orthodox Christian values about sexual purity and fidelity while criticizing the extra-biblical messages about sex that we have taken for granted. The authors suggest ways for Christians to talk about sex in a much healthier way that still affirms biblical teachings about sexuality. challenge a biblical sexual ethic. The Book seeks to encourage us to take a deeper look at the books and the messages that have become ingrained in our belief system, and to examine the damage caused by those beliefs.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ → *The Great Sex Rescue* is a long overdue correction to Christian books on marriage and sex.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ → *The Great Sex Rescue* is a book that sees and validates the pain caused by so many misguided and abusive Christian teachings about sexuality. It is a book that provides hope and healing for Christian couples looking to correct their faulty beliefs and experience true sexual intimacy as God intended it—pleasurable, mutual, respectful, and uniting.

### ACTION: Journal This!

1. What is God's purpose for Sex? Is Sex a Need?
2. What is your wife's view of Sex?
3. How have you failed your wife in your view of Sex?

## Bible Verses – The Message

**Joshua 1:1-18 - 1** After the death of Moses the servant of God, God spoke to Joshua, Moses' assistant: **2** "Moses my servant is dead. Get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country I'm giving to the People of Israel. **3** I'm giving you every square inch of the land you set your foot on - just as I promised Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon east to the Great River, the Euphrates River - all the Hittite country - and then west to the Great Sea. It's all yours. **5** All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. **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 **10** Then Joshua gave orders to the people's leaders: **11** "Go through the camp and give this order to the people: 'Pack your bags. In three days you will cross this Jordan River to enter and take the land God, your God, is giving you to possess.'" **12** Then Joshua addressed the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. He said, **13** "Remember what Moses the servant of God commanded you: God, your God, gives you rest and he gives you this land. **14** Your wives, your children, and your livestock can stay here east of the Jordan, the country Moses gave you; but you, tough soldiers all, must cross the River in battle formation, leading your brothers, helping them **15** until God, your God, gives your brothers a place of rest just as he has done for you. They also will take possession of the land that God, your God, is giving them. Then you will be free to return to your possession, given to you by Moses the servant of God, across the Jordan to the east." **16** They answered Joshua: "Everything you commanded us, we'll do. Wherever you send us, we'll go. **17** We obeyed Moses to the letter; we'll also obey you - we just pray that God, your God, will be with you as he was with Moses. **18** Anyone who questions what you say and refuses to obey whatever you command him will be put to death. Strength! Courage!"

**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."

**Joshua 4:1-11 - 1** When the whole nation was finally across, God spoke to Joshua: **2** "Select twelve men from the people, a man from each tribe, **3** and tell them, 'From right here, the middle of the Jordan where the feet of the priests are standing firm, take twelve stones. Carry them across with you and set them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" **4** Joshua called out the twelve men whom he selected from the People of Israel, one man from each tribe. **5** Joshua directed them, "Cross to the middle of the Jordan and take your place in front of the Chest of God, your God. Each of you heft a stone to your shoulder, a stone for each of the tribes of the People of Israel, **6** so you'll have something later to mark the occasion. When your children ask you, 'What are these stones to you?' **7** you'll say, 'The flow of the Jordan was stopped in front of the Chest of the Covenant of God as it crossed the Jordan - stopped in its tracks. These stones are a permanent memorial for the People of Israel.'" **8** The People of Israel did exactly as Joshua commanded: They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan - a stone for each of the twelve tribes, just as God had instructed Joshua - carried them across with them to the camp, and set them down there. **9** Joshua set up the twelve stones taken from the middle of the Jordan that had marked the place where the priests who carried the Chest of the Covenant had stood. They are still there today. **10** The priests carrying the Chest continued standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything God had instructed Joshua to tell the people to do was done (confirming what Moses had instructed Joshua). The people crossed; no one dawdled. **11** When the crossing of all the people was complete, they watched as the Chest of the Covenant and the priests crossed over.

**Joshua 4:19-24 - 19** The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month. They set up camp at The Gilgal (The Circle) to the east of Jericho. **20** Joshua erected a monument at The Gilgal, using the twelve stones that they had taken from the Jordan. **21** And then he told the People of Israel, "In the days to come, when your children ask their fathers, 'What are these stones doing here?' **22** tell your children this: 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry ground.' **23** "Yes, God, your God, dried up the Jordan's waters for you until you had crossed, just as God, your God, did at the Red Sea, which had dried up before us until we had crossed. **24** This was so that everybody on earth would recognize how strong God's rescuing hand is and so that you would hold God in solemn reverence always."

### "I Only Have Eyes For You" By The Flamingos

My love must be a kind of blind love I can't see anyone but you Are the stars out tonight? I don't know if it's cloudy or bright	I only have eyes for you, dear The moon may be high But I can't see a thing in the sky I only have eyes for you I don't know if we're in a garden	Or on a crowded avenue You are here and so am I Maybe millions of people go by But they all disappear from view And I only have eyes for you
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