



## 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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#5 Children – Being the Dad Your Children Need  
 Joshua 1:6-9; 24:15

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**Bible Verses:** Joshua 1:1-18; Joshua 24:15; Joshua 5:1-15; Joshua 6:1-27

**Videos:** Reagan's famous words: "Tear down this wall"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Eb49BNi5zg>

**October Sky - He Isn't My Hero (1999)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzOH54GemVo>

**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.

**Music:** Conway Twitty - That's my job

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-EQbBSyLyY>

### JOSHUA – THE FALL OF JERICO! – Joshua 6:1-27.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Just outside of Jericho, Joshua had an extraordinary encounter with a "man" holding a sword in his hand (Joshua 5:13-15). This individual was prepared for battle, and his appearance was threatening enough that Joshua asked him if he was on Israel's side or Jericho's side. But who was this commander? Joshua and the Israelites would be fighting the upcoming battles in Canaan, but ultimately, it was God Himself who would be waging the war.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → The second generation comes upon the imposing city of Jericho with its fortified walls. God commands the people to march around the city once a day for six days. On the seventh day they are told to march around the city seven days and then let out a shout. This might seem somewhat ridiculous, for how can the shouts of men bring down a wall? The people are promised that the city will fall if they obey. And when they obey, the walls come tumbling down. The walls of Jericho fell as a result of the faith of that generation (Heb. 11:30).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → This annihilation of even the animals and children has troubled many, but it was not an uncommon practice in ancient wars. More importantly, God as the giver of life has the authority to take it, and in the invasion of Canaan He charged His people to eliminate everything, not because Israel was intrinsically holy but because the pagans in Canaan earned it (Gen. 15:12– 21). Yet Joshua and the Israelites did not determine their victims; rather, the Lord directed them to fight a holy war in Canaan limited both in scope and duration. God's people have never been commanded to slaughter all their enemies on every occasion.

### The Land—Manhood: FATHERING YOUR CHILDREN.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Give Your Children the Blessing. The Blessing consists of 5 elements:
  1. **Meaningful Touch** = A father needs to have physical touch of his children. Meaningful touch communicates love and acceptance.
  2. **Spoken Words** = Children need to hear the voice of their father telling them why he believes in them and what he values in his son or daughter.
  3. **Word Pictures of High Value** = A father knows how to speak specifically about a positive trait of his child.
  4. **Picturing a Special Future** = A father is skillful in offering his son or daughter hope and vision for the future.
  5. **A Commitment to Seeing the Blessing Fulfilled** = A father will be involved in declaring his intention and willingness to do whatever it takes to fulfill the blessing for his child.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Grow UP! Pursue your own growth (II Cor. 13:11-13; Colossians 1:28, 29).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → Be the "Goldilocks Dad." Not Too Much or Not Too Little. But, Just right. Be aware of fathering for performance vs. fathering the heart (Ephesians 6:4). *"Do not allow what God prohibits, and do not prohibit what God allows."*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ → The best predictor of healthy children is a healthy marriage.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ → Train, disciple, discipline, instruct, teach, equip your children. Teach them to be adults. See Psalm 78:1-7.

### "That's My Job" By Conway Twitty

<p>I woke up cryin' late at night when I was very young          I had dreamed my father had passed away and gone          My world revolved around him, I couldn't lie there anymore          So I made my way down the mirrored hall          And tapped upon his door          And I said, "Daddy, I'm so afraid          How will I go on, with you gone that way?          Don't wanna cry anymore so may I stay with you?"          And he said, "That's my job, that's what I do          Everything I do is because of you          To keep you safe with me, that's my job, you see."          Later we barely got along, this teenage boy and he          Most of the fights it seems were over different dreams          We each held for me          He wanted knowledge and learning, I wanted to fly out west          I said, "I could make it out there if I just had the fare          I got half, will you loan me the rest?"          And I said, "Daddy, I'm so afraid          There's no guarantee in the plans I've made</p>	<p>And if I should fail, who will pay my way back home?" And he said,          "That's my job, that's what I do          Everything I do is because of you          To keep you safe with me, that's my job, you see."          Every person carves his spot and fills the hole with life          And I pray someday I might light as bright as he          Woke up early one bright fall day to spread the tragic news          After all my travel, I settled down within a mile or two          I make my livin' with words and rhymes and all this tragedy          Should go into my head and out instead as bits of poetry          But I say, "Daddy I'm so afraid          How will I go on with you gone this way?          How can I come up with a song to say, I love you?"          "That's my job, that's what I do          Everything I do is because of you          To keep you safe with me, that's my job, you see."          "Everything I do is because of you          To keep you safe with me."</p>
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**ACTION: Journal This!**

1. What did you get from your father?
2. What have you given your children?
3. How were you wounded by your father?

**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 5:1-15** - 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 6:1-27** - 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." 6 So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and told them, "Take up the Chest of the Covenant. Seven priests are to carry seven ram's horn trumpets leading God's Chest." 7 Then he told the people, "Set out! March around the city. Have the armed guard march before the Chest of God." 8 And it happened. Joshua spoke, the people moved: Seven priests with their seven ram's horn trumpets set out before God. They blew the trumpets, leading God's Chest of the Covenant. 9 The armed guard marched ahead of the trumpet-blowing priests; the rear guard was marching after the Chest, marching and blowing their trumpets. 10 Joshua had given orders to the people, "Don't shout. In fact, don't even speak - not so much as a whisper until you hear me say, 'Shout!' - then shout away!" 11 He sent the Chest of God on its way around the city. It circled once, came back to camp, and stayed for the night. 12 Joshua was up early the next morning and the priests took up the Chest of God. 13 The seven priests carrying the seven ram's horn trumpets marched before the Chest of God, marching and blowing the trumpets, with the armed guard marching before and the rear guard marching after. Marching and blowing of trumpets! 14 On the second day they again circled the city once and returned to camp. They did this six days. 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. 18 "As for you, watch yourselves in the city under holy curse. Be careful that you don't covet anything in it and take something that's cursed, endangering the camp of Israel with the curse and making trouble for everyone. 19 All silver and gold, all vessels of bronze and iron are holy to God. Put them in God's treasury." 20 The priests blew the trumpets. When the people heard the blast of the trumpets, they gave a thunderclap shout. The wall fell at once. The people rushed straight into the city and took it. 21 They put everything in the city under the holy curse, killing man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey. 22 Joshua ordered the two men who had spied out the land, "Enter the house of the harlot and rescue the woman and everyone connected with her, just as you promised her." 23 So the young spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, and brothers - everyone connected with her. They got the whole family out and gave them a place outside the camp of Israel. 24 But they burned down the city and everything in it, except for the gold and silver and the bronze and iron vessels - all that they put in the treasury of God's house. 25 But Joshua let Rahab the harlot live - Rahab and her father's household and everyone connected to her. She is still alive and well in Israel because she hid the agents whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. 26 Joshua swore a solemn oath at that time: Cursed before God is the man who sets out to rebuild this city Jericho. He'll pay for the foundation with his firstborn son, he'll pay for the gates with his youngest son. 27 God was with Joshua. He became famous all over the land.

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