

Joshua 1: It's Time to be a Man

Getting started: What challenges do you recall were particularly acute as you emerged into early adulthood?

Read vv. 1-9 Joshua is Commissioned by God

1. What event launched Joshua into the spotlight of responsibility? How could he be sure he was to assume the vacancy? (vv. 1-2) Describe a time when you were suddenly thrust into leadership or responsibility.
2. What assurances did God give Joshua to increase his courage with regard to service? (v. 2) Name some assurances God has given you in ministry or service.
3. How did God want Joshua to respond to the call? (vv. 6-7, 9) What would God give him to direct his steps and to prosper his way? (v. 8) What has God given us to ensure the success of our own mission for Him? (vv. 6-9)
4. How must a person treat the "Book of the Law" to gain its benefits in real life? (v. 8) Which of these duties needs more attention in your life?

Read vv. 10-15 Joshua gives Commands to the Tribes

5. What did Joshua instruct the people to do in preparation for entering the Promised Land? (v. 10-11) What does Joshua remind them about the Land they were entering? (v. 11, 13)
6. What were the names of the three tribes who settled east of the Jordan? (v. 12) What responsibility did Joshua remind these tribes of? (v. 14) How long would their services be required? (v. 15)
7. Where would the women and children be during their absence? Would they be safe? (v. 14)

Read vv. 16-18 Joshua is accepted by the People

8. What promises do the people make to Joshua? (vv. 16-17) What do they bind themselves to, if they fail to follow through? (v. 18) What are the people expecting of Joshua? (v. 17)
9. On what theme does the chapter end? (v. 18: hint it has been repeated 4x in the chapter). How can a godly man bolster his own strength and courage when it is flagging in his life?