<u>Joshua 1:1 (NKJV)</u>

"After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:



"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them - the children of Israel.



"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.



"From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.



"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.



"Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Possessing Your Promised Land Part 2

Greg Mohr December 29, 2013 PM Service Joshua 1:1-6, Joshua 13:1, 1 Corinthians 10:11, Joshua 1:10-18, 3:1-5, 2:1, 8-11, 23-24, Isaiah 14:16-17, Joshua 4:1-7, 21-24, 5:13-15



Now Joshua was old and full of years; and the Lord said to him, You are old and full of years, and there is still very much land to be taken.

<u>1 Corinthians 10:11</u>

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Key lessons from Joshua on

how to

possess your promised land Being faithful with what you know God has appointed you 2. The proper disposition
of the past

3. Be strong and of
good courage

4. Coming to terms with submission



Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

<u>Joshua 1:11</u>

"Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, **`Prepare provisions for** yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess."



And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying,

<u>Joshua 1:13</u>

"Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, `The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.'

<u>Joshua 1:14</u>

"Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them,

<u>Joshua 1:15</u>

"until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

<u>Joshua 1:16</u>

So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

<u>Joshua 1:17</u>

"Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

<u>Joshua 1:18</u>

"Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."



Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.



So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;



and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.



"Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."



And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." 5. Seeing the enemy through God's eyes



Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.



Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,



and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

<u>Joshua 2:10</u>

"For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

<u>Joshua 2:11</u>

"And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

<u>Joshua 2:23</u>

So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.



And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."

<u>Isaiah 14:16</u>

"Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: `Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,



Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

6. Remind yourself of God's faithfulness and miracles



And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying:



"Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe,

<u>Joshua 4:3</u>

"and command them, saying, Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight."



Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe;



and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,



"that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'



"Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."



Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, `What are these stones?'



"then you shall let your children know, saying, `Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land';



"for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over,



"that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

7. Worship and dependence



And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"

<u>Joshua 5:14</u>

So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"



Then the Commander of the LORD'S army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.