



**It is God's to
Give.**

**It is Ours to
Possess.**

Are you Ready?"

Joshua 1:1-6

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Joshua Installed as Leader

- 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:**
- 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.**



Joshua 1:1-6



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3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.



Joshua 1:1-6



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- 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.**
- 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.**



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**The Book of Joshua
was written approx
1200 B.C. to 1170 B.C.**

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**The first of the 12
historical books in the
Old Testament.**

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Serves as the link between the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, aka as the Torah) and the later historical books (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther).

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**The book of Joshua
begins where
Deuteronomy ends.**

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**A continuation of the
history of the Chosen
People.**

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Relates the settlement of the children of Israel in Canaan, proving God's faithfulness in keeping His promises with Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3).



What Does It Say?

**1. The Beginning
of a New Era**

**“Moses my
servant is dead”
(v1-2).**

**2. It is God’s to
Give. (vs. 2b-5)**

- a. The Lord referred to Himself (“I”) 7x in these 6 verses.
- b. God determines the boundary.

**3. It is Ours to
Possess.
(v2 and 6).**

- What does it take?**
- a. Preparation
 - b. Partnership
 - c. Persistence
 - d. Patience


Deuteronomy 34:9



Preparation


Now Joshua son of Nun was **filled with the spirit of wisdom** because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.






Who is Joshua?

1. He was Moses' personal aide for 40 years (Exod 24:13; 33:11; Num 11:28; Josh 1:1). The word for "aide" here (*měšārēt*) means "one who serves."




Who is Joshua?

2. He was Moses' constant shadow. His basic training was living with Moses – experiencing first-hand what it meant to lead God's people.




Who is Joshua?

3. He's the only person allowed to accompany Moses partway up the mountain when Moses received the law.




Who is Joshua?

4. Moses changed Joshua's name from Hoshea to Joshua - meaning "the Lord is salvation."



Who is Joshua?

5. He was one of the only 2 living eyewitnesses to the Egyptian plagues and exodus from Egypt.



Who is Joshua?

6. He was general of Israel's army. One of the only 2 adults who experienced Egyptian slavery and lived to enter the promised land.

Life Lesson:

1. Effective leadership in almost everything is often a product of good preparation.

Partnership -

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whose with him?

Only he and Caleb showed complete confidence that God would help them conquer the land. Him and Caleb have a different spirit from the rest.

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Partnership -



whose with him?

ii. Courageous – Num 14:6–9

**iii. Who will not spoil your good report
– v36–38**



Numbers 14:6-9



6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes

7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.

9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”



Numbers 14:36-38



36 So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it—

37 these men who were responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord.

38 Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of



Jephunneh survived.

Life Lessons

2. A person committed to God provides the best model for us.

3. The persons after whom we pattern ourselves will have a definite effect on us.

Persistence -

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**why the repeated reminder to be
“strong and courageous?”**

**“we seemed grasshoppers in our own eyes” (v33);
14:21-23; 30-35 –slain the giants, and there
could be many of them**

“Doubt” – Jesus to Peter, “why did you doubt?”

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Matthew 14:30-32



30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.



Life Lessons

4. Joshua had good reasons to be afraid, but God gave him better reasons to be courageous. "I will be with you."

5. Courage is possible because of God's promise. (Isaiah 54:10)

Patience -



impatience can cost us a massive loss (Saul lost his throne and kingdom) David's patience leads to victory. He was anointed king of Israel at around 17 years of age. He did not sit on his throne until the death of Saul.



**For
Joshua to
succeed
he must:**

Be strong and courageous because the task ahead would not be easy.



Obey God's law.



Constantly read and study the word.



To be successful, follow God's command. You may not succeed by the world's standards, but you will be a success in God's eyes – and his opinion is most important.