

## JOSHUA

### "A Study in Strength"

Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

(Joshua 1:3-5)

#### God Speaks; Are You Listening?

After the death of Moses...the Lord God said to Joshua (Joshua 1:1) what we see here is that God spoke to Joshua!

Now...in order for someone to speak to us we have to be able to hear their voice.

Joshua heard the voice of God!

Q.

- How did he hear God's voice?
- Do you hear God speaking to you (Examples)?
- Has He ever spoken, and you ignored Him?

I was speaking to some people about learning to pick up the Bible in times of need and learning to search in it for answers, comfort, and guidance.

What I see a lot...is people listening to a specific teacher...or a teaching series...or reading books from particular authors...

Once in a while that is fine...but not as a steady diet.

What happens is...you can quote what this teacher said, or that author said...but you can't quote what Jesus says?

You learn to listen to the voice of teacher or author...and not the voice of the Shepherd.

Joshua listens to the voice of God...and God has an important message for him.

God tells him that He will honor His promises...that what He said would come to pass...will come to pass!

Q.

- How is your time with the Lord?
- Are you reading?
- How does that affect you during the week?
- Can we make a commitment?

### **Responsibilities:**

Joshua just inherited a ton of responsibility...he just became the leader of over two million people...

Two million "stiff necked" people...many of whom had already rebelled against the leadership of Moses...

And now Joshua was placed over them as their leader.

Q.

- How about you?
- Have any responsibilities?
  - What are they?
- Are you overwhelmed?

Let's spend time talking about how this affects you...how have you failed at "responsibilities," this week?

How you have let someone down...how that makes you feel?

What does the Bible say about our responsibility?

What are our responsibilities as disciples of Jesus?

Do we have a responsibility to Jesus?



The key to all the responsibilities we have as men...and as disciples of Jesus Christ...is:

**Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.**

Just as Jesus was with all those who have gone before us...all who carried the responsibility of:

- Home
- Bills
- Family
- Work
- Ministry
- Our walk with Jesus

He will be with us...we aren't alone...He won't forget about us.

Jesus said in Matthews gospel:

