

## **JOSHUA**

### **"A Study in Strength"**

#### **It's a Spiritual Battle:**

While Joshua and the army of Israel are fighting in Rephidim, Moses is on the hill lifting his hands to God in prayer.

Aaron and Hur are lifting his arms up as he prays

- This is a spiritual battle
- We go along minding our own business and the attack comes.
- Who is holding up your arms
- We need prayer when we are in the battle

#### **Giants in our life:**

Moses sends 12 spies into the land...included in the twelve are Caleb, and Joshua (the son of Nun)

They all see the same thing...they see a land flowing with milk and honey, and they see giants in the land (not the food stores).

Ten of the spies focus on the giants...they remark, "We are like grasshoppers in their sight." Joshua and Caleb focus on the One Who promised them this land. Their attitude was, if God is for us who can be against us? Greater is He who is in



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You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

(2 Timothy 2:1-4)

Paul was Timothy's mentor...Paul was also a leader and he trained Timothy to be a leader also.

You are a leader in your home...it is your responsibility as a man of God to lead your family in the ways of God; through the Word of God!

### **Mentoring:**

Joshua grew up in Egypt, he saw the plagues...he was at home that fateful night when the Angel of Death flew over Egypt taking all the first born from the homes not marked by the blood of the lamb on the door posts.



Numbers 11:28 tells us that Joshua was the aide to Moses from an early age.

Joshua spent years being mentored by Moses...he proved himself to be faithful. Moses chose him to lead the army of Israel, a position where he proved his faithfulness time and time again.

That faithfulness didn't come overnight...it took years to develop. And it took a man of God (Moses) to take the time to help develop that in Joshua.

- Who mentored you? Are you being mentored?
- Who are you mentoring?
- Mentoring is a building process (1 Cor. 3:10-15)

### **Leading:**

**After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. (Joshua 1:1-2)**

- Forty years in the desert
- Are you a man of God?
- Are you leading others to God?
- What legacy do you want to leave behind?

Joshua's legacy:

**Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the Lord did for Israel. (Joshua 24:31)**

What have we learned so far from the life of Joshua?

- He was a servant to Moses
- He was a disciple of Moses
- He was a military leader
- He was a spy
- He was strong in his faith

What we notice most of all is that Joshua didn't sit around waiting for God to use him. He served and was faithful in the little things and God bestowed more responsibility on him as he grew and matured.



