

Let's Get Going! (Part 1)

Series: *The Venture and Victory of Faith*, Part 1, Book of Joshua Joshua 1:1-9
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God's call.

1. Setting the scene.

(Genesis 12:1-2; Exodus 17:8-16; 24:13; Numbers 13:1 - 14:45; 20:1-13; 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 1:38; 3:28 34:1-9)

2. The charge.

(2; see also 11; Deuteronomy 1:38; 3:28; 31:3, 7, 23; 34:1-8)

God's promise.

1. The promise of possession.

(3-4; see also 11, 13, 15; Genesis 12:1, 7; 13:14-18; 15:7; 17:8)

2. The promise of presence.

(5, 9; see also Deuteronomy 31:6- 8; 1 Chronicles 28:20; Psalm 94:14; Matthew 28:20; John 14:16; Hebrews 13:5, 8)

3. The promise of power.

(5, 6; see also 10:8; 23:9; Numbers 11:23; Deuteronomy 1:30-31; 7:24; 11:25; Jeremiah 27:5; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:11; Revelation 19:1)

Joshua's responsibility.

1. Be strong and courageous.

(6, 7, 9; see also 10:25; Deuteronomy 31:6-8, 23; 1 Chronicles 22:13; 28:20; Psalm 27:14; 31:24; Haggai 2:4; John 16:33; Acts 23:11)

2. Be obedient to God's word.

(7-8; see also 23:6; Deuteronomy 5:32-33; 11:8; 17:18-20; 28:13-14; 29:9; 1 Chronicles 22:11-13; Psalm 1:1-3; 19:7-14; 119:1-5, 9-11, 14-16, 105, 133; John 14:15, 23-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 2 Timothy 1:13; 1 John 5:3)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. The book of Joshua is about *The Venture and Victory of Faith*. While it is history, it is much more than that—God shows us His principles and process for victory. God appointed Joshua to succeed Moses prior to Moses' death (see Numbers 27:12-23). What does this tell you about God's care for and faithfulness to Israel? Think about God's moving in the same way in your life, your family and our church to fulfill His purposes and promises.

Tuesday. God states His charge to Joshua in 1:2. Compare this with the Scripture references from Deuteronomy listed in the outline. Note what God said He was going to do and what Joshua was to do. What does this tell you about your walk with God?

Wednesday. Today focus on God's promise to Joshua— the promise of possession of the land, His presence with him and His power for the task. Look at some of the Bible references in the outline to see the same promise in other places. Joshua's situation was unique, but God is the same today. Do you see God being faithful to with respect to His promises? Where do you have difficulty seeing it, or struggle with it? Remember, God is always faithful to His promises to *you*.

Thursday. God is faithful. God called Joshua to venture forward in faith — to be strong and courageous and obey His word. Take another look at your faithfulness to God. Where are you venturing forward in faith, and where not? What truth of God do you gladly obey, and what truth is more difficult for you to obey?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we will move forward with this initial part of the book as we look at 1:9-18. Read through these verses as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.