



MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, Oct 30
Sunday, Nov 2

Viral: How the Gospel Spread Then and Now.
GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Ed Kemp
Joshua 1
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notes

Introduction

Moses was an organizational genius!

- He accepted the counsel of Jethro, Ex. 18:13
- He listened to the commands of God, Ex. 3

He trained his successor Joshua.

- Attendant to Moses from his youth, Num. 11:28
- At the Red Sea, Ex. 14:21
- One of the 12 spies, Num. 13:16
- At Mt. Sinai, Ex. 24:13
- When bringing water from the rock
- When feeding the people bread and quail
- When people wanted to kill Moses and go back to Egypt
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Moses transferred his leadership to Joshua, Duet. 31:3-8

- Rak Chazak

God commissioned Joshua to be the leader of Israel, Joshua 1

- Rak Chazak, became Israel's war cry!

So What?!

What in the world has this got to do with me???

I will follow Jesus and declare war on:

- **MY FLESH – RAK CHAZAK**
 - Ephesians 6:12-20, Take up the full armor of God
- **MY ATTITUDES – RAK CHAZAK**
 - Galatians 4:22-25, ...those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- **MY SPEECH – RAK CHAZAK**
 - Colossians 3:16, Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

GROUP DISCUSSION

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Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: When you were a child, what's one event with your Mother or Father, that impacted you in a positive way?

Read aloud: Joshua 1(Underline repeated phrases and words)
What were the most repeated phrases or words? How does repetition color or effect the reading of the chapter? Do you repeat things when: talking to your kids, talking to your wife, talking to yourself?

Read Deut. 31:1-8, What phrases and words are repeated in Joshua 1 and Deut. 31?What positive and negative lessons do you think Joshua learned from watching and listening to Moses all the years he was Moses attendant? Look at all the examples used in the sermon of Moses and Joshua spending time together and ask, "How would that event have impacted Joshua?"

Why does God want strong and courageous people going into the promised land?Is God asking me to be strong and courageous for Him in my family, neighborhood, career environment, school, church? In what way?

Jesus said, "Make disciples." Who are you influencing? Has God brought anyone new into your life to influence? For whom are you praying? Have you given anyone an INVITE CARD lately?

Family Time: Get on your computer or take out a picture album and look through some pictures with your children of their earliest years as an infant and ask them how God has changed them. Ask them about how God has helped them get bigger, smarter, and more helpful. In what ways are getting bigger and smarter hard or difficult? In what ways does getting bigger and smarter make life easier?