



Welcome to the Book of Joshua!

After 2 months of preparation (the entire book of Deuteronomy), the people of God are on the move again! Don't let the name of the book fool you...even though the book bears Joshua's name, it's not about him - it's about God's covenant faithfulness on display.

This is the beginning of the "Historical Books" of the Bible and is written as "Historical Narrative" Literature. "Historical Narrative" means that the writing is an accounting of what happened, not necessarily a prescription of what we should do. Other historical books will include Judges, Ruth, 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

Through the book of Joshua we will learn about God's faithfulness, the call to obedience, the struggles of leadership, spiritual inheritance, and the justice of God. We will see the interaction between the obedience/disobedience of the people of God and the covenant faithfulness of God to fulfill his promises.

Perhaps most important, we will see that Joshua is a type (or foreshadowing) of Jesus in that Joshua leads the people of God into promise. While Joshua's accomplishments were significant for his time and people, the work of Jesus is eternally superior, provides a more profound rest, a more complete victory, and a more glorious inheritance.

It's my hope that as you read this book with us, you will recognize the invitation of God to follow Him into all that He has prepared for you. If you have any questions as you read and study, please do not hesitate to reach out. We're here for you.

Reading Plan - Week One

Day 1 – Commissioned for Courage

Today's Passage: Joshua 1

Further Reading: Psalm 27:1–3

Personal Reflection: What fear (s) keep you from stepping into God's promises? What have we been learning through this Bible Series that can help you trust God?

Day 2 – Spies, Shelter, and Faith

Today's Passage: Joshua 2

Further Reading: Hebrews 11:31

Personal Reflection: How does Rahab's faith challenge your understanding of who God can use?

Day 3 – Preparing to Cross Over

Today's Passage: Joshua 3:1–17

Further Reading: Psalm 77:19–20

Personal Reflection: What would it look like for you to follow God's presence more closely in your daily life?

Day 4 – Remember the Waters

Today's Passage: Joshua 4:1–24

Further Reading: Psalm 105:1–5

Personal Reflection: What has God done in your life that you need to remember for your own encouragement - or so that you can encourage someone else?

Day 5 – Renewal Before Battle

Today's Passage: Joshua 5

Further Reading: Romans 2:28–29

Personal Reflection: How is God calling you to consecrate yourself for what lies ahead?

Day 6 – Victory God's Way

Today's Passage: Joshua 6

Further Reading: Hebrews 11:30

Personal Reflection: Where is God asking you to trust His unconventional ways for breakthrough?

Day 7 – Hidden Sin, Lost Battle

Today's Passage: Joshua 7

Further Reading: Psalm 139:23–24

Personal Reflection: Is there hidden sin in your life that may be hindering God's work?

Reading Plan - Week Two

Day 8 – Restoration and Obedience

Today's Passage: Joshua 8

Further Reading: Deuteronomy 27:1–8

Personal Reflection: What does God's mercy look like after failure, and how do you respond to it?

Day 9 – A Costly Covenant

Today's Passage: Joshua 9

Further Reading: Psalm 15:1–4

Personal Reflection: How can you seek God's wisdom before making commitments?

Day 10 – The Longest Day

Today's Passage: Joshua 10

Further Reading: Habakkuk 3:11–13

Personal Reflection: Do you believe God still fights on behalf of His people? Why or why not?

Day 11 – Taking the Land

Today's Passage: Joshua 11

Further Reading: Psalm 44:1–3

Personal Reflection: How can remembering God's past victories give you faith for today's battles?

Day 12 – A God Who Keeps His Promises

Today's Passage: Joshua 12

Further Reading: 1 Kings 8:56

Personal Reflection: Which of God's promises are you holding onto today? If you don't have one or can't find one, reach out to someone for help remembering and pursuing them.

Day 13 – The Land Allotted (Part 1)

Today's Passage: Joshua 13–14

Further Reading: Psalm 16:5–6

Personal Reflection: Like Caleb, are you still pursuing God's promises with faith, even in older age or difficulty?

Day 14 – The Land Allotted (Part 2)

Today's Passage: Joshua 15–17

Further Reading: Psalm 78:55

Personal Reflection: What boundaries or gifts has God entrusted to you, and how are you stewarding them?

Reading Plan - Week Three

Day 15 – The Land Allotted (Part 3)

Today's Passage: Joshua 18–19

Further Reading: Acts 17:26–27

Personal Reflection: How has God appointed your place and season for His purpose?

Day 16 – Cities of Refuge

Today's Passage: Joshua 20

Further Reading: Hebrews 6:18–20

Personal Reflection: How does the idea of a city of refuge point to Jesus in your life?

Day 17 – Provision for the Levites

Today's Passage: Joshua 21

Further Reading: Psalm 73:26–28

Personal Reflection: What does it mean for God Himself to be your portion?

Day 18 – Divided But United

Today's Passage: Joshua 22

Further Reading: Psalm 133:1

Personal Reflection: How can you be a peacemaker and protect unity in your sphere's of influence?

Day 19 – Faithfulness Remembered

Today's Passage: Joshua 23

Further Reading: 2 Timothy 4:7–8

Personal Reflection: What would faithfulness look like at the end of your journey?

Day 20 – Choose This Day

Today's Passage: Joshua 24:1–28

Further Reading: Psalm 119:30

Personal Reflection: Do you have a sense of the choice(s) that God is putting before you today? How are you responding?

Day 21 – A Faithful Generation Passes

Today's Passage: Joshua 24:29–33

Further Reading: Hebrews 13:7

Personal Reflection: Whose example of faith are you following? What kind of legacy do you want to leave, and how can you take steps toward that today?