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Strong and Courageous

Where are men and women—young and old—who are strong and courageous? People not dismayed by the faces, the opinions, the opposition of others? Men and women who do not want to be dismayed—shaken by the storms and conflicts of life, but strong enough in character to stand for what God says is right and true? Men and women who know God, believe God and are going to get a grip on God and everything He has for them in this life so that in the life to come they will not hang their heads in shame?

Where are they?

We pray they are reading this right now

TAKING IT IN

The first five books of the Bible, Genesis through Deuteronomy, often referred to as “The Law,” have brought us from Israel’s creation as a nation in Genesis, their sojourn and liberation from slavery in Egypt, their journey from Mount Sinai through the wilderness to the next major event in their history: taking possession of the land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua.

1. The first thing we want to do as we begin our study is to read the first chapter of Joshua.

When you finish reading Joshua 1, summarize as briefly as possible what is happening in this chapter. Note the main character(s) in this chapter and list what is happening in this historical account.



2. Now read Joshua 1 again and mark:
 - a. every reference to Joshua with a color. We are asking you to do this only in this chapter (unless you choose to do otherwise) so you can get a clearer picture of what is transpiring with this man.
 - b. geographical locations. Double underline them in green.
 - c. references to time, or any words such as *then* or *after* if they indicate an important sequence in events. You might use a green circle.
3. Read Joshua 1 again.
 - a. Mark:
 - 1) *strong* and *courageous*
 - 2) *the land** (Mark it if it is a reference to the land that God has given to the children of Israel.)
 - 3) *possess* or *possession* when it refers to the children of Israel possessing the land given them by God.
 - 4) *the Lord commanded* or any phrase that says in essence the same thing. This will become an important key phrase you should mark throughout Joshua.

You might make a Key Word Bookmark with a list of key words color-coded the way you want to mark them throughout Joshua. You can do this on the blank side of the bookmark provided on the back cover of this workbook.

* Throughout this workbook an asterisk denotes a word with a suggested marking on the reverse side of the bookmark.

- b. In the Appendix you will find a chart: “Joshua at a Glance.” Record the main theme, the primary subject that is covered in Joshua chapter 1.
- c. List in the margin of your Observation Worksheet everything you learned from marking “Joshua” in chapter 1. As you do this, don’t miss observing what it will take for Joshua to be strong and courageous. You do not need to list Joshua’s instructions to Israel.



4. Since Joshua is the main character in this book, we need to have some biblical background on this man. How did Joshua come to this significant role in the kingdom of God? What prepared him for leadership?

Look up the following Scriptures and record what you learn about Joshua.

Exodus

17:8-16

24:12-13

Numbers

11:28

13:1, 2, 8, 16, 25-26

14:6-10, 30, 38

32:11-12

Deuteronomy

3:28

31:7-8, 23

34:5, 9



LIVING
IT OUT

1. What are the key observations you made with respect to Joshua's life which you can apply to your own? List them below.

2. Let's take several minutes and go back to God's command to Joshua to be strong and courageous. We want to look at a few quick points.

- a. What is Joshua to be strong and courageous about?

- b. Where are his strength and courage going to come from? How does one become strong and courageous?



- b. Do you see how the knowledge you gained this week can be applied to today? To your life personally? Any precepts—standards—which you need to incorporate into your life? Romans 15:4 assures us that what is written for us in the Old Testament is for our instruction, that these Old Testament Scriptures bring us endurance and encouragement and with that, hope.



JOSHUA 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

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.
- 3 “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.
- 6 “Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.
- 7 “Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.
- 8 “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
- 9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”



- 10** And Joshua commanded the officers of the people,
- 11** “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’ ”
- 12** And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said,
- 13** “Remember the word that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.’ ”
- 14** “Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them,
- 15** until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.”
- 16** And they answered Joshua, “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.
- 17** “Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you, as he was with Moses!
- 18** “Whoever rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous.”



JOSHUA AT A GLANCE

Book Theme

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