



"Faith and the Life of Joshua"

Living by Faith Series

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Introduction

Those who live by faith...

יהושוע Yehôwshûwa', yeh-ho-shoo'-ah; Joshua or Jehoshua = "Jehovah is salvation"

1. ...learn selfless _____ and Godly principles of _____.

✳ ...first learn _____.

- 28 Then Joshua the son of Nun, **the attendant of Moses from his youth**, said, "Moses, my lord, restrain them." [Num 11:28 NASB95]
- 13 So **Moses arose with Joshua his servant**, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. [Exo 24:13 NASB95]

✳ ... _____ and _____ others.

- 49 **When they finished apportioning the land for inheritance by its borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance in their midst to Joshua the son of Nun.** [Jos 19:49 NASB95]
- 15 Then **Moses spoke to the LORD**, saying, 16 "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, **appoint a man over the congregation**, 17 who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD will not be like sheep which have no shepherd." 18 So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; [Num 27:15-18 NASB95]"

2. ...know that God is our _____.

✳ ...know God saves us _____ many dangers.

- 19 For the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and **the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them**, but the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea. [Exo 15:19 NASB95]

✳ ...know God carries us _____ some dangers.

- 8 Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. 9 So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." [Exo 17:8-9 NASB95]
- 13 So **Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.** 14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." 15 Moses built an altar and named it The LORD is My Banner; 16 and he said, "The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation." [Exo 17:13-16 NASB95]

✳ ...are at times used to bring God's _____.

- 9 So **Joshua** came upon them suddenly by marching all night from Gilgal. 10 And the LORD confounded them before Israel, and He **slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon**, and pursued them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon **and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.**
- 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, **By man his blood shall be shed**, For in the image of God He made man. [Gen 9:6 NASB95]

✳️ ...**know God personally brings _____ on the wicked.**

11 As they fled from before Israel, [while] they were at the descent of Beth-horon, **the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah**, and they died; **[there were] more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.** [Jos 10:9-11 NASB95]

3. ... **God even when others don't.**

✳️ ... **God's spoken and written word.**

26 "Yet you were not willing to go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; 27 and you grumbled in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us. 28 'Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there.'" 29 "Then I said to you, '**Do not be shocked, nor fear them.** 30 '**The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf**, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.' 32 "But for all this, **you did not trust the LORD your God**, 33 who goes before you on [your] way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go. [Deu 1:26-33 NASB95]

1 Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 "Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4 So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt." 5 **Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.** 6 **Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;** [Num 14:1-6 NASB95]

✳️ ...**guard their _____ and learn God's ways.**

7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness, 9 "When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work. 10 "For forty years I loathed [that] generation, And said **they are a people who err in their heart**, And **they do not know My ways**. 11 "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest." [Psa 95:7-11 NASB95]

7 He named the place Massah [**temptation**] and Meribah [**strife**] because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?" [Exo 17:7 NASB95]

7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, 8 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS, 9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED [Me] BY TESTING [Me,] AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS. 10 "THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, '**THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS**'; 11 AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'" [Heb 3:7-11]

12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you **an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God**. 13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is [still] called "Today," so that none of you will be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin**. [Heb 3:12-13 NASB95]

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✳️ ...give a good _____ in accord with God's word.

👤 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us." 32 So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of [great] size. 33 "There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight." [Num 13:30-33 NASB95]

4. ... _____ **fear with faith.**

✳️ ... _____ **overcomes every discouragement.**

👤 **Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.**" Josh 1:6-9

✳️ ... _____ **and** _____ **assures delayed gratification.**

👤 "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**"

👤 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be **steadfast, immovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that **your toil is not [in] vain in the Lord.** [1Co 15:58 NASB95]

Conclusion

✳️ Be like Joshua, leave nothing undone.

👤 15 Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so **Joshua did; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.** [Jos 11:15]

✳️ Be willing to stand alone if necessary.

✳️ God gives private property.

✳️ God give the land but requires His people to fight for the land and to work the land.

👤 14 Then the sons of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me only one lot and one portion for an inheritance, since I am a numerous people whom the LORD has thus far blessed?" 15 Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go up to the forest and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you." [Jos 17:14-15 NASB95]