

Quarter Four: Lessons of Faith from Joshua

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Lesson 1—Recipe for Success

Monday: Cross! Take! Divide! Serve!

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- **Last Quarter:** “Exodus”
- **This Quarter:** “Lessons of Faith from Joshua”
 - **Book:** written by Joshua
 - Marks the transition from leadership of Moses to leadership of Joshua
 - Begins where Deuteronomy left off
 - Begins with Israel entering Promised Land & ends with them settled in that land
 - **History:**
 - Israel delivered from Egyptian bondage by God
 - Covenant made & broke (golden calf)
 - Covenant renewed
 - Lack of faith with the spies’ report: 40 years of wandering in the wilderness (38)
 - Now, Israel is on the brink of the Promised Land again
 - 2nd generation ready to enter that land
 - Under the leadership of Joshua
 - God’s faithfulness to His people
 - Fulfillment of the covenant
 - Central element of the covenant = promise of fulfillment of land
 - Promise of the land was not an end in itself.
 - Israel’s settlement of the land was a means to fulfil the divine promise, of sharing the blessings of salvation with the world.
 - Continual possession of the land was contingent on Israel’s obedience to the covenant law
 - **Literary Structure** = “panel writing”
 - Details from first half are paralleled in the 2nd half
 - 24 chapters: 1 – 12 compared with 13 – 24
 - 1 – 12 = Conquest of Canaan
 - 13 – 24 = Dividing of the inheritance
 - Center of both sections = focus on sanctuary & worship
 - **Two Joshua’s Typology:**
 - Joshua as a type of Christ
 - Joshua has the name of the Messiah
 - Joshua & Jesus = same name in Hebrew & Greek
 - Joshua performs the work as the Angel of the Lord, the pre-incarnate Christ
 - Joshua does the same work as Moses, a type of Christ

- NT identifies Jesus as the new Joshua (Heb 4)
- **Date:**
 - Conquest began about 1407 BC, with Canaan settled about 1400 BC
- **Quarterly** by: Pastor Barna Magyarosi, executive secretary for Inter-European Division & chair of Biblical Research Committee for his division. Pastor originally from Romania.
- **This Week:** “Recipe for Success”
 - Joshua 1
 - 40 years of wandering was over
 - God’s people, the 2nd generation from the Exodus, is poised to enter the Promises Land
 - Joshua = God’s chosen leader to conquer & divide this land

Memory Text: “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go” (Joshua 1:7, NKJV).

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** A New Moses (John L)
 - Joshua 1:1 – 9 – transition of leadership / comparison of leaders between Moses & Joshua; God, as the ultimate Leader over Israel
- 2. **Monday:** Cross! Take! Divide! Serve! (Jill)
 - Joshua 1 – structure of the book of Joshua; God’s call
- 3. **Tuesday:** Heirs of Promises (SQ)
 - Joshua 1:2, 3 – God’s promise of the land; His prophetic promises to us
- 4. **Wednesday:** Be Strong! (Ryan J)
 - Joshua 1:7 – 9 – command to be strong & courageous; God’s presence with us
- 5. **Thursday:** Prosperous & Successful (John D)
 - Joshua 1:7 – 9 – secret of success = following God & His law; connection of law & grace

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Joshua 1; Rev 14:12

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 - **Conquest:** Chapt 1 = God commissions Joshua – “conquer the land”
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 13 = God addresses Joshua – “divide & possess the land”
 - **Conquest:** Chapt 1 = Joshua addresses 2 ½ tribes
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 13 = Joshua addresses 2 ½ tribes

- **Conquest:** Chapt 2 = Gilgal / Passover / circumcision
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 14 = Gilgal / inheritance for Caleb
- **Conquest:** Chapt 6 = Central Campaign
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 15 = Central inheritance
- **Conquest:** Chapt 8 = Shechem – erection of an altar, covenant ceremony
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 18 = Shiloh – erection of tabernacle, ceremony, casting lots
- **Conquest:** Chapt 9 = Southern campaign
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 18 = Southern inheritance
- **Conquest:** Chapt 11 = Northern campaign
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 19 = Northern inheritance
- **Conquest:** Chapt 11 = Israel took the land; land had rest
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 21 = God gave the land; God gave rest
- **Conquest:** Chapt 12 = Summary of conquest; starts with 2 ½ tribes
 - **Inheritance:** Chapt 22 = farewell message; starts with 2 ½ tribes
- **Joshua 1 = outline to 4 sections of book**
 - **God's initiatives:**
 - 1. Cross (Josh 1:2 – 9)
 - Josh 1:1 – 5:12 = crossing of the Jordan; 2nd generation circumcised (prepared for conquest)
 - 2. Take (Josh 1:10, 11)
 - Josh 5:13 – 12:24 = conquest of the land
 - 3. Divide (Josh 1:12 – 15)
 - Josh 13:1 – 21:45 = dividing of the inheritance
 - **Man's response**
 - 4. Serve (Josh 1:16 – 18)
 - Josh 22:1 – 24:33 = Joshua's farewell address; call to serve God & not idols; covenant renewal

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 - Joshua 1:2, 3 – “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, **arise, go over** this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. (3) Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.”
 - Arise = Heb, primarily means to “arise” or “stand up”
 - Go over = Heb, *aw-bar* = “to cross”

- Every promise requires faith
 - Every gift requires a response / action
- **Takeaway #1: Faith & obedience are essential**
 - For victory
 - For God's work
 - In order to move forward
- **Takeaway #2: Crossing over is essential for ministry**
 - Were in darkness: now light in the Lord
 - Were dead in trespasses & sins: now alive in Christ Jesus
 - Were walking in the world: now in Jesus
 - Were legalistic: now, grace of God saves & sanctifies me
 - Looking behind: now pressing toward the goal of the prize
 - Make choices for Christ
 - Take up the weapons of warfare (Eph 6)
 - Cast off the weapons of darkness; put on the armor of light (Rom 13)
 - Put to death the old man & put on the new man (Col 3)
 - Leave behind old life & step into new
 - Cross the Jordan
- **2. Take** (Josh 1:10, 11)
 - Josh 5:13 – 12:24 – conquest of the land
 - Josh 1:10, 11 – “Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, (11) ‘Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, “Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will **cross over** this Jordan, to go in to **possess** the land which the Lord your God is giving you to **possess**.”’”
 - 3 days – if Rahab / spies already happened, would be 3 literal days
 - If spying of Jericho is included, would be a few days
 - Cross over = *aw-bar*’ (same as b4)
 - Possess = to possess, occupy, inherit by driving out previous tenants & possessing in their place
 - **Takeaway #3: True possession comes only when the previous is driven out**
 - No man can serve 2 masters (Matt 6:24)
 - We think, we can hold onto the world & Christ
 - Follow Jesus, while clinging to idols
 - Can 2 walk together unless they are agreed? (Amos 3)
- **3. Divide** (Josh 1:12 – 15)
 - Josh 13:1 – 21:45 = dividing of the inheritance
 - Josh 1:14, 15 – “...But **you** shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, (15) until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.”
 - You = 2 ½ tribes were given possession on the east side of the Jordan

- They were already in possession of their inheritance on the Transjordan
 - Num 32:20 – 22
- Called to help their brothers in this process
 - Conquest & then **settlement of the land**
- **Takeaway #4: Help others with their inheritance**
 - Salvation is not just for us – it's for others
 - Inheritance of the land is not just for us, it's for others
 - Covenant promise is not just for us, it's for others

Man's response

- **4. Serve** (Josh 1:16 – 18)
 - Josh 22:1 – 24:33 = Joshua's farewell address; call to serve God & not idols; covenant renewal
 - Josh 1:16 – “So they answered Joshua, saying, ‘All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us, we will go.’”
 - **Takeaway #5: Our response is faith & obedience**
 - Are You calling? I will go.
 - Are You asking? I will answer.
 - Whatever You say, I will do.