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001 - LESSON – Sunday – September 28, 2025

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THE QUARTERS LESSON:
LESSONS OF FAITH FROM JOSHUA
(Second Chances – The Book of Joshua)
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THIS WEEKS LESSON: RECEIPT FOR SUCCESS

MEMORY TEXT: Joshua 1:7 (NKJV) “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.”

Benjamin Zander, musical director of the **Boston Philharmonic Orchestra**, taught a **music interpretation class**. He **observed the students’ anxiety** as they **faced the evaluation of their performance**. **In order to put the students at ease and to open them up to their full potential**, **he announced on the first day of the class** that **everybody would get an “A.”** This “A” was **not an expectation to live up to “but a possibility to live into.”** The only requirement was for the students to **write a letter within the first two weeks of the semester but dated at the end of the class**. The letter explained why they deserved the high grade.

The book of Joshua is about new possibilities: A new generation, willing to obey God, was ready to enter the Promised Land, not as an expectation to live up to but as a possibility to live into.

Sunday - A NEW MOSES

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 (NKJV) “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, (16) according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, “Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ (17) “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. (18) I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. (19) And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. (20) But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ (21) And if you say in your heart, “How shall we know the word which the LORD has

not spoken?’— (22) when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

Joshua 1:1-9 (NKJV) “After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: (2) “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. (4) From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and 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; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. (6) Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. (7) 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. (8) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe 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 of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.””

Why is it significant that the book of Joshua starts by echoing a promise related to what would happen after the death of Moses?

Though Moses had died and a new leader, Joshua, had been appointed by God, there are parallels between them.

- Both men had been told by God that they would lead their people into the land promised to their fathers.
- As the Lord said to Joshua: “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses”

Exodus 33:11 (NKJV) “So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.”

Numbers 14:6, 30, 38 (NKJV) “(6) But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; (30) Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. (38) But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.”

Numbers 27:18 (NKJV) “And the LORD said to Moses: “Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;”

1. As the Lord led Moses by His God also led Joshua by His Holy Spirit
Numbers 32:12 (NKJV) “except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the LORD.”
2. Joshua followed the Lord as Moses followed the Lord.
Deuteronomy 1:38 (NKJV) “Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.”
3. As Moses needed encouragement, so did Joshua.
Deuteronomy 31:23 (NKJV) “Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, “Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you.””
4. God led Israel out of Egypt by Moses. He led the Israelites into Canaan by Joshua.
Deuteronomy 34:9 (NKJV) “Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.”
5. As the Lord conveyed authority upon Moses, Moses convey authority upon Joshua.

What do these texts tell us about Joshua?

God Guides us as we take joy in following Him: **Psalms 37:23 (NKJV)** “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.”

When we are in tune with God, we will know what decisions to make:

Isaiah 30:21 (NKJV) “Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.”

When we serve the Lord faithfully, we are never alone:

Joshua 1:5 (NKJV) “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”

In difficulty we are still victorious:

Isaiah 43:2 (NKJV) “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”

Throughout the ages, God has called men and women to lead His people. Why is it crucial to remember who the true, invisible leader of the church is?

02 - NEXT LESSON – SURPRISED BY GRACE

“True prosperity comes only when the previous is driven out”
Jill Monahan