

JOSHUA: *presence. courage. action.*

Up, and to Your Posts! - Joshua 1:10-18

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“...but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as he has to you...” - **Joshua 1:14-15**

I. ZION IS WAITING (vss. 10-11)

- After Joshua receives his orders from the Lord, he turns to the leaders of Israel to muster the army.
- Approximately 600 years have passed since God’s promise to Abraham to give his offspring a land. That time has now come (Gen. 15:12-16; Josh. 1:1-2).
- The Promised Land will become the land of Israel. It will become Zion, and the people will be called “the daughter of Zion” (2 Kings 19:21; Ps. 87:2-3; Isa. 1:8; Jer. 4:31; Micah 4:13; Zech. 9:9).

II. ALL ISRAEL MUST GO (vss. 12-15)

- Joshua follows through with Moses’ direction that those whose land has already been won must send their fighting men with their brothers, until the entire land is won (Num. 32:6-7, 16-18, 28; Deut. 3:18-20).
- The people of God are a community, then and now. We must “fight” for our brothers and sisters (Rom. 1:11-12; 2 Cor. 8:8-15; Eph. 4:11-16).
- We are all called to come alongside our brothers and sisters until they too find “rest” (Luke 22:31-32; 2 Tim. 2:1-3).

III. BIBLICAL SUBMISSION (vss. 16-18)

- The three tribes that would occupy land east of the Jordan willingly submitted to the task laid before them, with three caveats:
 1. That God demonstrates his presence with Joshua.
 2. That rebels be punished accordingly (Prov. 21:15).
 3. That Joshua lead with strength and courage.

KNOW: Half the battle is being ready. Those who are settled need to help those who are not. We are called to help fellow believers reach their goal.

DO: Come alongside your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Recommended Reading:

The Master Plan of Evangelism and Discipleship, by Robert Coleman

(Available in the Library at LifePoint, 269.2 COL)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

1. What was Joshua’s message to the leaders of Israel? Why do you think he repeats, as God does, that the land was given them by God to possess?
2. Why were there some tribes that would not occupy the Promised Land proper, but occupied the eastern side of the Jordan River? (see Numbers 32)
3. Do you see (agree with) the correlation that was made between the three tribes fighting for their brothers and the modern application of discipleship/training?
4. What, if anything, was the most convicting aspect of Sunday’s sermon for you? What did you learn?
5. What steps will you take to either a) disciple others or b) seek discipling for yourself?