



Becoming a People Who... Live by The Book

"Joshua"

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Today we continue our "Live by the Book" series, surveying the book of **Joshua**. (Don't forget the daily reading plan using our new RightNow Media resource that will overview all 66 books of the Bible.)

- The book of Joshua is both historical and prophetic (pointing to Jesus as Savior/Redeemer). The name *Joshua* means "God saves"; the same root for the name *Jesus* – "savior".
- This book continues to reveal the covenant-ways of God.
- This book recounts the conquest of the promised land of Canaan – the fulfillment of God's promise.
- Joshua was noted for his deep trust in God (Numbers 27:18)

Some lessons from Joshua:

(Joshua 1:1-9)

1. Get Ready. As God called the Hebrews to get ready for His purpose and leading, so He calls us.

- Ready for God's promise of land and success
- Ready for His presence – "I will always be with you."
- Ready to be "strong" (*chaza* – taking hold) and "courageous" (being alert)
- Ready to live by the book – "meditate on this (book of the Law) day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it."
- Ready to trust; to appropriate God's promises by faith.

(Joshua 3:1-13)

2. Go and Stand... in the Jordan river, and watch what I will do. (vs 8)

- Follow God, trusting He knows the way. (following the ark – the symbol of God's presence)
- Consecrate yourselves - dedicate yourselves to the Lord. God wants to do amazing things in and through us, if we will surrender ourselves to Him.
- Take a step of faith – "step into the water."
- Obedience is necessary.

(Joshua 21:34-35) : a fulfillment of all God's promises to the Hebrew people.

- God HAS BEEN faithful.
- God IS faithful.
- God WILL BE faithful.