

Up From Slavery

A man / A people / A plan

THE REST OF THE STORY:
THE HAND-OFF
JOSHUA 1

The Making of a Next-Gen Leader

1. Proven in battle
2. Proven in servanthood
3. Proven in fidelity

The Mission Revealed

Joshua 1

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west. 5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

The Mission Revealed

- Three tasks:

1. Lead the people to the land
2. Defeat the enemy
3. Possess the land

- Three Promises

1. I will give you everywhere you set your feet
2. No one will be able to stand against you
3. I will be with you as I was with Moses

The Requirements Specified

⁶ “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.”

The Requirements Specified

1. Be strong
2. Be courageous (very)
3. Be obedient
4. Be dedicated

The Vision is Cast

¹⁰ So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ¹¹ “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’ ”

¹⁶ Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷ Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. ¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!”

The challenge

1. The need to listen if we want to hear.
2. You must let go of the past to embrace the future.
3. Leadership is not easy

Fidelity to God and his Word is essential

A conspicuous need

A solid foundation

The challenge

4. The need to be strong in the Lord
5. The need to determine to be courageous



To Go . . .

- What promises of God are you relying on?
- What attitudes are necessary if you are to experience the blessings you anticipate?
- How are you preparing the next generation to live in such a way as to possess all that God promises?