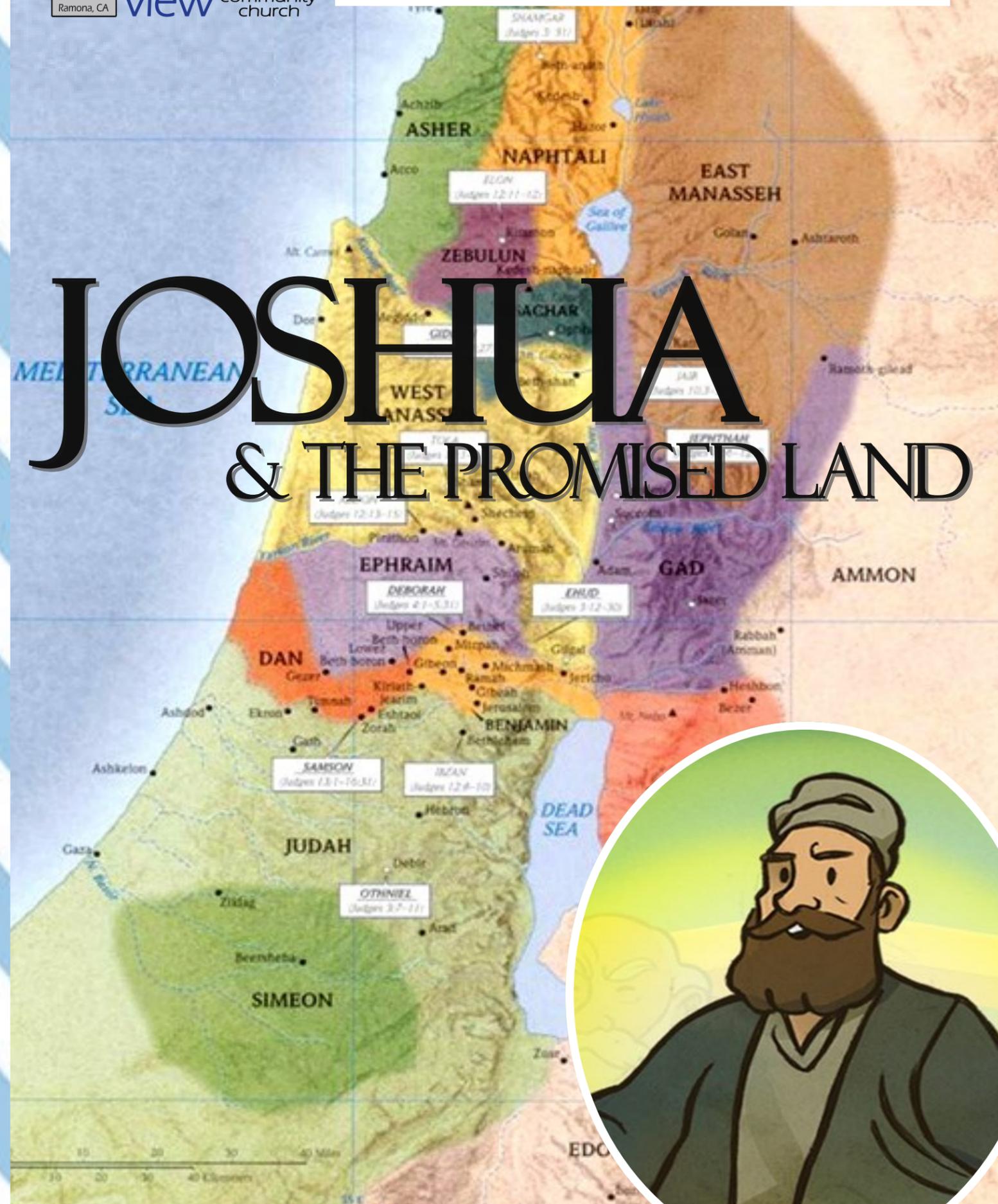


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# JOSHUA & THE PROMISED LAND



## JOSHUA

| Age   | Event                             | Scripture       |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 16-20 | Spies Canaan                      | Num. 13-14      |
|       | Named as Moses' successor         | Deut. 31:1-8    |
|       | Leads Israel                      | Josh. 1         |
| 56-60 | Sends spies to Jericho            | Josh. 2         |
|       | Leads Israel across Jordan        | Josh. 3-4       |
|       | Fall of Jericho                   | Josh. 5:13-6:27 |
| ?     | Covenant renewed                  | Josh. 8:30-35   |
| ?     | Sun stands still; Canaan defeated | Josh. 10-12     |
| 110   | Dies                              | Josh. 24:29-30  |

## A TIMELINE OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

~Major Events From Creation to the Completion of the New Testament~

c. = circa/about

| Year             | Event   | Scripture                              |
|------------------|---|--|
| 4000+ BC         | God creates Adam and Eve  | Gen. 1-2                               |
| 2165             | Abraham (Abram) is born   | Gen. 11:26                             |
| 1876             | Joseph's father Jacob (Israel) moves to Egypt with his family to escape famine  | Gen. 46                                |
| 1876-1446        | Israelites in Egypt 430 years   | Ex. 12:40                              |
| 1446             | Exodus from Egypt (Ex. 12:40)   | Ex. 20                                 |
| 1406             | Moses delivers words of Deuteronomy. Moses dies (Dt. 34)  | Dt. 34                                 |
| 1306             | Joshua leads next generation of Israelites into Canaan (Josh. 1)  | Josh. 1                                |
| c. 1350 - 1051   | Time of the Judges; c. 299 years (see Book of Judges)   | Judges                                 |
| 1120             | Samuel born (1 Sam. 1)  | 1 Sam. 1                               |
| 1011             | David becomes king (2 Sam. 2)   | 2 Sam. 2                               |
| 971              | Solomon (David's son) becomes king (1 Ki. 1:39)   | 1 Ki. 1:39                             |
| c. 760           | Jonah preaches at Assyrian capital, Nineveh (Jonah)   | Jonah                                  |
| 722              | Assyria conquers northern kingdom of Israel (2 Ki. 17)  | 2 Ki. 17                               |
| 605              | Babylon conquers Judah (2 Ki. 24:1-7)   | 2 Ki. 24:1-7                           |
| 539              | Babylonian Empire falls to the Persians (Dan. 5:25-31)  | Dan. 5:25-31                           |
| 515              | Temple rebuilding finished (Ezra 6:15)  | Ezra 6:15                              |
| 483-473          | God uses Esther to preserve Jews living in exile in Persian Empire  | Esther                                 |
| 458              | Ezra leads second group of Jews back to Israel (Ezra 7:1-10), calls on Jews in Israel to abandon sins                     | Ezra 7:1-10                            |
| 331              | Persian Empire conquered by Alexander the Great and the Greeks  | 1 Macc. 1:1                            |
| 323              | Alexander dies in Babylon. Grecian empire is divided—Ptolemy taking Egypt, Seleucus the East, and Cassander Macedonia     | 1 Macc. 1:1                            |
| 63               | Judea formally subject to Rome  | Luke 23:1                              |
| 4 BC             | Jesus born (Mt. 1, Lk. 2)   | Mt. 1, Lk. 2                           |
| AD 70            | Romans destroy the Jewish temple as Jesus prophesied would happen (Lk. 21:20-24)  | Lk. 21:20-24                           |
| c. 95            | John writes the Book of Revelation. New Testament completed   | Revelation                             |
| 627-570          | Jeremiah ministers to Judah (2 Ki. 17, Book of Jeremiah)  | 2 Ki. 17, Jer.                         |
| 593-571          | Ezekiel prophesies to Jews in Babylon during exile  | Ezekiel                                |
| 536              | Temple reconstruction begins in Jerusalem (Ezra 3:8)  | Ezra 3:8                               |
| 538              | Cyrus, the Persian king, issues a decree allowing the Jews to return to homeland (2 Chr. 36:22-23; Ezra 1)                | 2 Chr. 36:22-23, Ezra 1                |
| 444              | Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem and guides Jews to rebuild the city walls that had been destroyed by the Babylonians        | Nehemiah                               |
| c. 450-430       | Malachi written. Old Testament closes   | Malachi                                |
| 280              | The Seleucids of Syria govern Palestine following the division of the Grecian empire                                      | 1 Macc. 1:1                            |
| 165              | Judas Maccabeus and the people of Israel unite to overthrow Seleucid domination of their land and rededicate their temple | 1 Macc. 4:36                           |
| 37 BC            | Herod the Great appointed governor of Judea   | Luke 3:1                               |
| c. AD 30-33      | Jesus crucified and resurrected (Mt. 27; Mk. 15; Lk. 23; Jn. 19). Ascends to Heaven 40 days later (Acts 1)                | Mt. 27, Mk. 15, Lk. 23, Jn. 19, Acts 1 |
| c. AD 32 - AD 62 | Luke tells how the disciples begin taking the gospel to Judea, Samaria and the ends of the Earth (Acts 1-28)              | Acts 1-28                              |

# Joshua had PATIENCE

Psalm 37:7

"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and **wait patiently** for him to act."



GOD TOOK \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS TO PREPARE JOSHUA FOR HIS LEADERSHIP

Joshua was...

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Joshua spent 20 years in Egypt, 40 years in the wilderness and then 50 in the Promised Land. He spent more than half of his life waiting on something amazing. At no point do we ever see Joshua get frustrated with how long things are taking. At no point do we ever see Joshua give up because of his impatience. Instead, every time we encounter Joshua, he immediately obeys God. In every encounter we see, Joshua is always faithful to what God says and never questions God's commands.

Draw a picture of how you USUALLY look when you have to wait for something:



What are things that are important in your life?  
 How do you make sure you have time for the things you enjoy?  
 What can you do to make time for God this week?  
 Tell someone your plan so they can keep you accountable.

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## Word Bank

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| KINGS  | LORD   | JERUSALEM |
| FIVE   | STONES | JOSHUA    |
| GIBEON | HEAVEN | MAKKEDAH  |
| SUN    | GILGAL | CAVE      |

# GOD ABOVE ALL

JOSHUA WAS  
COMPLETELY DEVOTED  
TO GOD



Hebrews 11:6  
"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

3 ways to spend time with God:

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Joshua 1:6-9



Friends, the most important thing in life is our walk with God. It's not about checking off boxes but rather, it's about a real genuine, authentic relationship that is alive and intimate. It's about a relationship where you deeply love God and are not ashamed of Him. It is essential that we know God's Word, believe God's Word and obey God's Word, in order to please Him.

Use the space provided to write down a simple prayer asking God to help you be more patient:

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What's your biggest pet peeve (something you just can't stand)?

How do you react if someone around starts doing something that bugs you?

What would be a good reminder for you to remember to practice patience this week?



Are you waiting on God? If you are in a season of waiting or an "in between" season, keep hanging on. God is refining us and preparing us for what He has next. He wants us to surrender all of our lives to him and trust that in His good timing, He will use our story, our struggles, and our talents for His glory.

Make a commitment to pray this prayer every day this week.



# Joshua was a man of courage

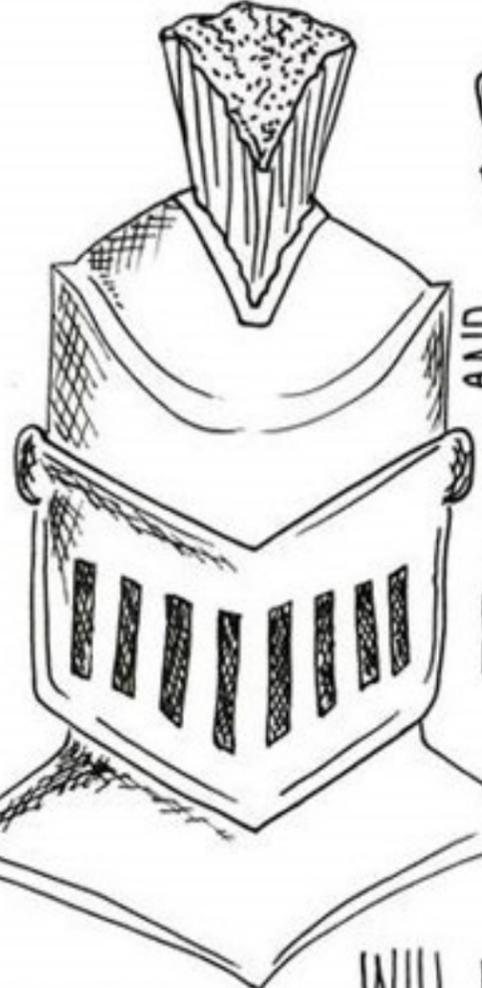
Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you **wherever** you go."



- Why is it sometimes hard to fellowship with others?
- What are some ways we can support those around us?
- What are some things you might need support with this week?
- How can you encourage others to seek the support and fellowship they need?

Who are your people? When you find yourself needing or wanting to be with fellow believers, who do you enjoy being with? Draw a picture (or write it in) in the space provided:

"HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?  
 BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS  
 DO NOT BE AFRAID,  
 DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED  
 FOR THE LORD IS WITH YOU  
 WHEREVER YOU GO."  
 JOSHUA 1:9



What do you think COURAGE means?

- A. Bravery
- B. Danger
- C. Weakness
- D. Strength
- E. Perseverance
- F. Cowardice
- G. Fearlessness

Circle all the answers you think apply

Courage doesn't mean you're never scared or that you have no fear of anything. Courage means that you choose to face your fear and do something even though it scares you.



# FELLOWSHIP

**JOSHUA DID NOT  
FIGHT HIS BATTLES  
ALONE**

1 Corinthians 12:20

*"As it is, there are many parts, but one body."*



**DISCUSSION**

- \* How can we find the courage we need to remain faithful to God during times of trouble?
- \* What can we do as Christians to build up courage to stay obedient to God during these times?
- \* Who is the most courageous person you know, and what can you learn from them?

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>SOLO</u> |
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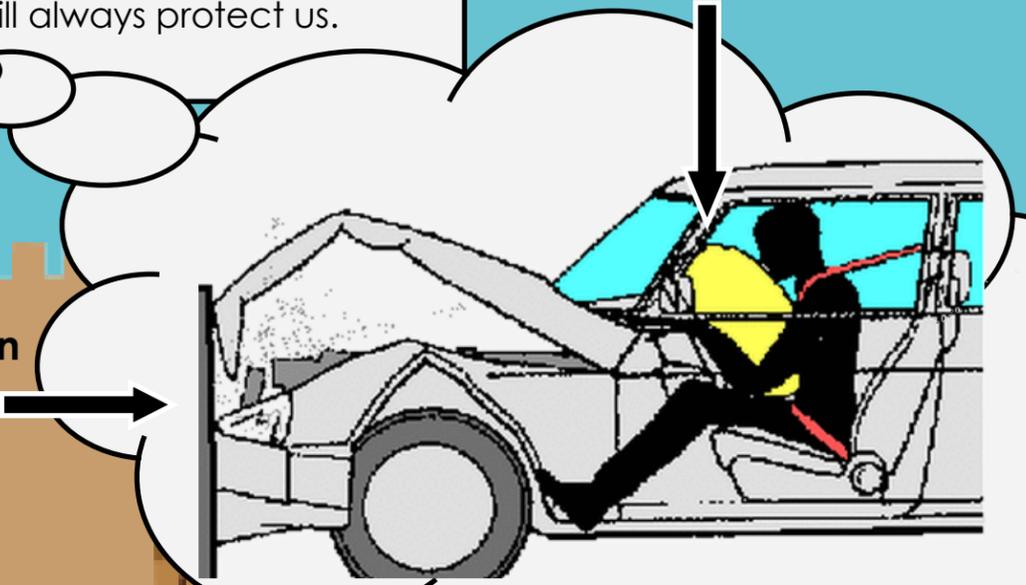
Write down 3 situations in which you need courage to remain obedient to God.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine God as your air bag. We can't see Him, we can't always feel Him, but we can be comforted with the fact that He is always there for us, He will always protect us.

**God**

**Scary Situation**



Pros & cons of group activities?

Pros & cons of solo activities?



Colossians 3:2

*“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”*



# FOCUS

Joshua never quit.  
He was always a reliable warrior for God.

Time to Think

What do you think would happen if a gymnast took their eyes off their focal point while they were on the beam?

Where does the Bible say our focus should be?

## JOSHUA 6:1-20 (NIRV)

(1-5) The gates of Jericho were shut tight and guarded closely because of the people of Israel. No one went out. No one came in. Then the Lord spoke to Joshua. He said, “I have handed Jericho over to you. I have also handed its king and its fighting men over to you. March around the city once with all of your fighting men. In fact, do it for six days. Have seven priests get trumpets that are made out of rams’ horns. They must carry them in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. Have the priests blow the trumpets as you march. You will hear them blow a long blast on the trumpets. When you do, have all of the men give a loud shout. The wall of the city will fall down. Then the whole army will go up to the city. Every man will go straight in.” . . .

(12-16) Joshua got up early the next morning. The priests went and got the ark of the Lord. The seven priests who were carrying the seven trumpets started out. They marched in front of the ark of the Lord. They blew the trumpets. Some of the fighting men marched ahead of them. The others followed behind the ark and guarded all of them. The priests kept blowing the trumpets. On the second day they marched around the city once. Then the men returned to camp. They did all of those things for six days. On the seventh day, they got up at sunrise. They marched around the city, just as they had done before. But on that day they went around it seven times. On the seventh time around, the priests blew a long blast on the trumpets. Then Joshua gave a command to the men. He said, “Shout! The Lord has given you the city! The city and everything that is in it must be set apart to the Lord in a special way to be destroyed. . .

(20) The priests blew the trumpets. As soon as the fighting men heard the sound, they gave a loud shout. Then the wall fell down. Every man charged straight in. So they took the city.



When we focus on God, it is much easier to follow Him. Jesus fixed His eyes on God so He was able to endure the pain of dying on the cross for our sins. When we take our eyes off God, it becomes much more difficult to live in a way that pleases and honors Him. What are some ways you can remind yourself to focus on God this week?