



Joshua

Part #1 –

The Commission

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, – Joshua 1:1
- Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel. – Joshua 1:2
- In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. – Isaiah 6:1
- And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle. – Exodus 33:11



Keys

- Everything starts with NOW!
- The message came after a loss, God was not done, even though it seemed all was lost!
- It was after someone had died that the call came for another to arise
- The death of Moses did not change the plan and purpose of God for Israel
- Stronger directions and/or revelations come after a hard, painful or great separation or loss



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Definition

1. Arise;
 1. Get or stand up:
 2. Come into being; originate
2. Go;
 1. Move from one place to another, travel
 2. Proceed in a specified way or have a specified outcome
3. Over;
 1. Extending directly upward from
 2. Higher than or more than
 3. Expressing authority or control
 4. At a higher level or layer than



Synonyms

- Arise

- Come to light
- Make an appearance
- Appear
- Emerge
- Come about
- Surface
- Occur
- Stand up
- Get up
- Jump up

- Go

- Move
- Proceed
- Make one's way
- Advance
- Progress
- Pass
- Walk
- Travel
- Leave
- Depart



Now!

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, – Joshua 1:1

- **The close of an era and the unset of another**
 - Now after the death of Moses
 - The servant of the Lord
 - It came to pass
- **Joshua is tagged as the next leader**
 - The message came after a loss
 - The message signified God was not done
 - The message was to reset the narrative surrounding Moses' absence
 - God's message was to have a far more lasting impact than the surrounding circumstances



Now! – Cont'd

God speaks through events to re-establish hope

- In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. – Isaiah 6:1
- Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. – Luke 3:1,2
- The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. – Matthew 4:15,16



Connecting the dots...

God was connecting with Joshua where He had left off with Moses

- He begins by setting the stage, strategy for further exchange
- Provides direction and expectations for moving forward
- The basis of reaching out to Joshua was to assure Joshua that He, God, had been behind Moses' success
- God will call the shots!
- It was to let Joshua in on the prestigious relationship once enjoyed by Moses
- Joshua would have to determine the caliber and level of commitment associated with his relationship with the Lord



First things

First things first, Joshua

- You are here because you held on to Moses
- As his apprentice, you discovered it was better to remain in my presence, when Moses went down that mountain. I took notice!
- Something you ought to know, Moses is still my servant!
- Moses was not forgotten – making his words still relevant!
- God begins by making numerous references to what He had done and accomplished through Moses
- Joshua had no chance to do away with Moses' words because Moses was no longer in charge
- God still uses His methods and His ways to reach you and me



First the Sandwich

First Moses and then Joshua

- It is interesting to note that the name of *Moses* precedes the name of *Joshua* in the Book of *Joshua*!
- It is also worthy of note that the name of *Moses* follows that of *Joshua*'s
- Making the name *Joshua* encapsulated by the references to *Moses*. Selah!
- Can you see a *Moses-Joshua-Moses* sandwich as we begin the Book of *Joshua*?
- You can't get to *Joshua* without *Moses* and you can't advance beyond *Joshua* without *Moses*
- Even *Joshua* at the latter part of the verse (*Joshua* 1:1) is identified as *Moses*' minister.



The honor that is due

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. – Joshua 1:2

Where we are

- God says – I still honor Moses as my servant.
- I still speak of him as my servant, even after his death
- I did not say, Moses is dead, I said – Moses my servant is dead! There is a difference
- His passing signifies the end of an era and the beginning of another
- I am advancing my causes with you, and I want you to know that
- You're on my mind now and my attention is drawn towards you



What I said still stands

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. – Joshua 1:2

The record is so simple

- It's already recorded in my word – The land is yours!
- I said all of it – “...unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel”
- I am doing the giving
- You're doing the receiving, possessing and taking!
- So simple!



Take what has been given

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. – Joshua 1:2

Possess what has been given to you

- I have not changed my mind about what I have freely given
- Time or the processes of time has not resulted in a change of mind about what has been given.
- It is still yours!
- You've got to command your mind to be adjusted to these truths
- Don't vacillate because you have not caught up with the clarity of the information
- Stay steadfast and on guard about what you've heard



Take what has been given – Cont'd

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Possess what has been given to you – Cont'd

- Don't let any difficult situation, circumstances, season, or conditions talk you out of it!
- Do you hear that command!
- You've got to keep what I have said always before you and in you! – ALWAYS
- And about who the land belongs to...There is no contest.
- I specifically said, "*even to the children of Israel*", so no one else will lay claim to it. I did not miss-speak.
- I have not been ambiguous. I have been specific



Take what has been given – Cont'd

*Moses my servant is dead; now therefore **arise, go over** this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. – Joshua 1:2*

Possess what has been given to you – Cont'd

- Just as specific as I was at the tomb of Lazarus – See John 11:43, “Lazarus, come forth”.
- Had I said – “come forth” there would have been many more than Lazarus laying claim to those words.



New Beginnings: Therefore

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Whenever we see the word – therefore, we've got to ask what is it there for?

- It is there because it is NOW! It is there because of the NOW!
- It's there because the evidence of your assignment is upon you as it was upon Joshua
- You must take you land!
- Moses is no longer around – You're tagged, you're it
- You're not alone! I'm in it as well!



New Beginnings: Therefore – Cont'd

*Moses my servant is dead; now **therefore** arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. – Joshua 1:2*

I'm making my advance through you

- I'm advancing my cause through you as I did through Moses
- I'm making you aware, the work does not have to stop now that the leadership has changed
- It must be carried out, advances and continued



New Beginnings: Therefore – Cont'd

I'm making my advance through you – Cont'd

- My word sustains
- It never returns to ME void!
- It does not slumber, nor does it ever sleep!
- It is alive, quick and powerful
- And you are responsible for all that I have said unto you and shown you
- You are up to the task at hand. Up! Let's get going!
- What I have given you is beyond or across the Jordan. You need to get across
- What do you need to get over before YOU enter YOUR promised land?



Conclusion

From the pages of Joshua

- God considers you a co laborer and joint-heir with him in the affairs of the Kingdom
- The land is wide open and yours.
- It has been given to you
- Take what has been given



Next Week

We will continue next week, beginning with:

- Joshua 1:3 – Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon....