

Are You Living in Courageous Obedience?

Joshua was a man who received his instruction from the Lord and promptly obeyed it. He wasn't perfect, but he proved to be a great leader because of his obedience to God's commands. God was able to use Joshua mightily! These lessons in Joshua will teach you how you can live in courageous obedience, too. Ask God to help you apply what you learn each week.



The Real Faith in Life Devotional Bible Study

is designed to help you dig into God's Word. Each lesson offers devotions for Monday through Saturday, along with an In-Class worksheet to be completed during your group study.

In order for you to gain the most out of your devotional time, use the following tools along with your student book.



Bible study tools: In order for you to dig into God's Word, consider using a Bible dictionary and a concordance.

If you are not familiar with these helpful guides, ask your pastor or youth leader for a recommendation.



Journal: Purchase a journal or notebook to record your personal thoughts and prayers. Bring your journal and student book to class each week so that you can take notes during the

lesson or write any special insights you gain from a particular activity. You may also use the journal for sermon notes or for prayer requests.

Or visit an online Bible tools Web site, such as www.blueletterbible.org.

This site offers commentaries, maps, and many other tools to help you in your Bible study. (This recommendation does not constitute a blanket endorsement by RBP.)

Wanted: A Successful Leader

Moses, the great leader of the Children of Israel, passed away. Joshua was to take his place. This would be no easy task for Joshua. How would he fill the void left by Moses?

God gave Joshua specific instructions to follow in order to become a successful leader (Joshua 1). These leadership qualities are still effective today. As you study Joshua 1, ask God to help you recognize and apply the skills needed to become a successful leader.

Memory Verse



“Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:7).

Monday

Read Joshua 1:1.

1. This account of Joshua starts after what?
2. Read the verses below and record how God prepared Joshua to be the leader of the Israelites.

Exodus 17:8–16

Exodus 24:12, 13

Numbers 20:16–20; 14:6–9

3. How does Deuteronomy 34:9 describe Joshua?



Today's lesson focuses on Joshua's preparation for leadership. Is God preparing you for leadership?

4. List below areas in which you have a position of leadership. How might God use these areas to train you for future positions of leadership?

Ask God to give you opportunities of leadership to prepare you for future ministry.



Memory Verse Activity: Review your memory verse each day. When you have an opportunity to be a leader, review today's verse, and ask God to prepare you to be a godly leader like Joshua.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 1:1–6.

1. On the following chart, record the tasks and promised blessings God gave to Joshua.

Joshua 1:2, 3	Joshua's Task
Joshua 1:5, 6	God's Promised Blessing

2. According to Joshua 1:5, how does God describe His relationship with Joshua? How would this encourage Joshua?

3. Read the following verses and record God's promises to you.

Isaiah 41:10

Hebrews 13:5

4. How do these verses encourage you?

As God prepares you to be a godly leader, He promises to always be with you. Thank God for His faithfulness and His presence in your life.

Wednesday

Read Joshua 1:6–9.

1. What phrase is repeated in Joshua 1:6, 7, and 9?
2. What action is to be performed with strength and courage?
3. Why does it take strength and courage to obey the Word of God?
4. Think of an area in your life in which you need strength and courage to obey God's Word. What will you do today to develop strength and courage in this area?

Thursday

Read Joshua 1:8.

Joshua 1:7–9 gives three keys to success.



1. The first key to success is found in Joshua 1:8: meditate on God's Word. Look up the word "meditate" in a dictionary and write its definition below.

2. Read Psalm 1:2 and 3. Describe the man who meditates on God's Word.



In order to meditate on God's Word, you must spend time studying God's Word.

3. How much time do you spend alone with God each day?

4. Do you allow enough time during your day to meditate on God's Word? If not, what will you do about that?

Friday

Read Joshua 1:7–9.

1. The other two keys to success go hand in hand. Look at the phrase “observe to do” in verse 7. What does that mean?
2. Record the similar phrase found in verse 8.



In order to be a successful leader, you must obey the commands and principles in God's Word.



The final key for successful leadership comes from the phrase “turn not from it to the right hand or to the left” (v. 7). A successful godly leader must apply Biblical principles to his or her life.

3. How are obedience to Biblical principles and application of Biblical principles similar? How are they different?
4. List below three Biblical principles. Don't forget to record Scripture references with them. Describe how obedience to these principles will change the outlook of your life.
5. Now describe how you will apply, our live out, these Biblical principles today.

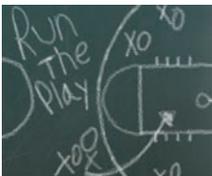
Saturday

Read Joshua 1:10–18.

1. What did Joshua command the nation of Israel?
2. According to Joshua 1:15, when could the Reubenites, Gadites, and half-tribe of Manasseh return to their families?
3. How would you describe the commitment of these tribes?
4. How is your commitment to God?



If you truly desire to be a godly leader like Joshua, you must remain fully committed to God. Talk to God about your commitment to Him.



I know I am courageously obedient when I apply the spiritual keys of successful leadership to my life.



Journal Notes



Keys to Success

