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**Claiming the
Promise
Joshua**

Joshua Overview

- The son of Nun
- Hoshea (Num. 13:16) to Joshua
- Born as a slave in Egypt
- Led the battle against the Amalekites (Ex. 17:8-16)

Joshua Overview

- Served Moses at the Tent of Meeting (Ex. 33:7-11)
- Represented the tribe of Ephraim as one of the 12 spies
Numbers 13-14

Joshua Overview

- Lived in the wilderness 40 years
- Led Israel into the promised land
(Deut. 31:1-8)
- Divided land among the 12 tribes
Josh 13
- Died at 110 years old

Key Principle #1

Preparation precedes leadership

- Born a slave
- Served under Moses direction
- Demonstrated extreme loyalty
 - Numbers 11:26-29
- After 40 years rose to lead

Key Principle #2

Trust God even when circumstances look **BIG**

- 12 Spies went out (Number 13-14)
- 40 days looking at the land
- 10 gave report we can't
- 2 gave report "They are but bread."

⁶ Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land,

⁶ tore their clothes ⁷ and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land.

*⁸ If the Lord delights in us,
he will bring us into this land
and give it to us, a land that
flows with milk and honey.
⁹ Only do not rebel against
the Lord.*

⁹ And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.”

10 Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

Key Principle #3
Following the Word
leads to success in life
Joshua 1:6-9

*⁶ Be strong and courageous,
for you shall cause this people
to inherit the land that I swore
to their fathers to give them.*

7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you.

7 Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,

⁸ but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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Key Principle #4

Understand the promise has to be claimed

- Deuteronomy 31:7-8
- The promise was real and in front of them
- They had to take possession of the promise

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them,

Deuteronomy 31

⁷ and you shall put them in possession of it. ⁸ It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Key Principle #5

When faced with a choice choose to follow God!

- Near the end of Joshua's life he saw the danger ahead.
- He summoned the people, all the leadership.....

*14 "Now therefore fear
the Lord and serve him in
sincerity and in faithfulness.
Put away the gods that your
fathers served beyond the
River and in Egypt, and serve
the Lord.*

*15 And if it is evil in your eyes
to serve the Lord, choose this
day whom you will serve,
whether the gods your fathers
served in the region beyond
the River, or the gods of the
Amorites in whose land you
dwell.*

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*15 But as for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord."*

Serving God is a choice!

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