



LIFE LESSONS FROM OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

WEEK #5 JOSHUA

God does the extraordinary and impossible through ordinary people. He is calling us to do great things but, because these things can be difficult, we sometimes struggle with His calling. We may be afraid, uncomfortable, challenged and/or lost in our self-constructed clutter of daily responsibilities.

The impossible can become possible when we put our trust in His faithfulness. If we desire to have courageous faith, we must make a choice. Will we choose to serve ourselves, or serve the Lord? (Joshua 24:15) When we make the commitment to serve Him, God finds creative ways to give us ongoing encouragement and fulfills His promises in remarkable ways.

I WILL SERVE THE LORD - JOSHUA

Joshua 1:1-9

After Moses died, Joshua became the leader of the Israelites. The pressure of this new responsibility was great. He was to lead more than two million people into a foreign land to conquer and claim it as their own. Joshua easily could have become afraid or discouraged as he thought about his opposition, but the LORD promised to be with him. He encouraged Joshua to be strong, brave, and obedient.

The secret of true success, then and now, is complete obedience to God. We must believe God is with us in every experience. As we obey His Word, He will give us the strength and courage we need to face whatever challenges come our way. New experiences can be frightening but, with God leading our lives, these challenges can be thrilling and rewarding.

1. Read Joshua 1:1-9. What are the specific promises God gave Joshua?
2. What made these promises so incredible?
3. What difference did it make when God said He would be with Joshua wherever he went?
4. In addition to God requesting for Joshua to be strong and very courageous, what else did God command? (Vs 7,8). Why was this important? How is this important for us today?
5. Read Joshua 24:14-16. Why was it necessary for Joshua to challenge the people to commit to God at the end of his mission and before his death? Is it important for us to make this same declaration? Why? Taking ownership of your decision, you may wish to share this with your family, friend, or spiritual mentor.