

## The Lord Commands Joshua - Joshua 1:1-18

**Topics:** Advice, Affirmation, Challenge, Change, Courage, Discouragement, Endurance, Faithfulness, Fear, Guidance, Leadership, Obedience, Opportunities, Perseverance, Promises, Protection, Success, Worry

### Open It

1. How would you feel if you had to move to a different country?
2. When have you experienced a major change in your life?
- \* 3. Why do you think change makes people feel uncomfortable?

### Explore It

- \* 4. What prepared Joshua to lead the nation of Israel into the Promised Land? (1:1)
5. For what major change did the Lord want Joshua to get the Israelites prepared? (1:2)
6. What promise did the Lord give to Joshua? (1:5)
7. Why was it important for Joshua to “be strong and courageous”? (1:6)
8. Who had been promised to inherit the land, according to the Lord? (1:6)
- \* 9. What specific steps did the Lord instruct Joshua to take in order to be successful? (1:7)
- \* 10. What did God say meditation on the Book of the Law would accomplish? (1:8)
11. What assurance did Joshua give the Israelites that they could “take possession of the land”? (1:11)
12. Why were certain tribes given special instructions by Joshua? (1:12-15)
13. How long were the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh instructed to help the other tribes of Israel? (1:15)
14. How did the Israelite leaders respond to Joshua’s instruction? (1:16)
15. What did the leaders of Israel say to encourage Joshua in his new role? (1:17-18)
16. How did the Israelites’ relationship with Moses affect Joshua’s effectiveness as a leader? (1:17)
17. What would happen to a person who disobeyed Joshua, according to the Israelite leaders? (1:18)

### Get It

18. How do you think Joshua felt when God commanded him to lead the nation of Israel into the Promised Land?
- \* 19. How does Joshua’s response to God and, in turn, the Israelites’ response to Joshua motivate you to respond to overwhelming responsibilities in your own life?
20. What causes you to feel discouraged or inadequate?
- \* 21. What does this passage teach you about how to deal with negative emotions, such as fear, self-doubt, and discouragement?
22. Why do you think God reminded Joshua of the relationship the Lord had with Moses?
23. What events in your past remind you of God’s faithfulness and help you to trust Him today?
24. How do you feel about the changes that are taking place in your life now?
25. In order to claim for yourself God’s promise for success, what command in this passage do you need to obey?
26. Why do you think it is important to meditate on God’s Word?

### Apply It

27. What specific steps can you take today to demonstrate your trust in the Lord?
- \* 28. What concrete action can you take in the next few days to get over fear or discouragement?
29. How could you encourage a friend or family member who is feeling burned-out or discouraged?