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JOSHUA

A 7-DAY SCRIPTURE JOURNEY



A Message of Trust

DAY 1 SETTING THE STAGE

READ

Thank you for joining us for the JOSHUA reading plan! We are excited to go deeper into the story of Joshua with you as we prepare for what we are praying is an inspiring event in theaters. We hope you can join us! Until then, let's dive in.

The story of Joshua explores the intimate and often fraught relationship between God and His people after He delivered them from Egypt. Through Moses, God freed the Israelites from slavery in response to their cries for rescue. Yet once they were free, they struggled to understand how to live in that freedom.

Egypt was harsh, but at least there was meat to eat. Egypt was painful, but there was water from the Nile. The Israelites began longing for the predictability of their former life, even though it came with oppression and bondage. The certainty of knowing where their next meal would come from started to seem more appealing than trusting God for daily provision. Their cries for deliverance were replaced with complaints.

In our stage production, we watch God's people pass through the Red Sea. On the other side of that miraculous rescue, the questions, doubts, and opinions begin. Some even carry treasured Egyptian souvenirs with them—a reminder that although they had left Egypt physically, Egypt had not fully left them.

It's easy to look at their story and think, "How could they forget what God had just done?" Yet how often do we do the same thing? When circumstances become uncertain, we can quickly forget God's past faithfulness and focus instead on our present discomfort.

There is a difference between genuine need and discontentment. God promises to provide for our needs,



but He does not always show us how He will do it. Sometimes He leads us away from the river and into the desert. The desert, the place of dependence, is often where we come to know His goodness, power, and character most deeply. He wants us to know His heart. He is slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, just, faithful, and worthy of our trust.

SCRIPTURE

- Genesis 17:1–8
- Exodus 13:3

DAY 2 HIS PRESENCE IS THE POINT

READ

Can you imagine what it must have been like at the first Passover? The smell of the meat. The color of the blood. The crackle of the flatbread. Death is literally at your door. Worship is your only sanctuary.

Joshua remembered all of this and more. He was a man who knew that the presence of God was not only where you should want to be but where you could choose to be.

In our production, we see Joshua make that choice again and again. We see him choose the Lord's presence as chariots thunder behind him while he passes through the Red Sea. We see Joshua stand and defend God's people at God's command. We see him speak with the Lord before going into Jericho and choosing to obey a battle plan that seemed both dangerous and foolish.

Joshua is able to do this because Joshua knew the presence of God. He took the time to get to know the heart of God.

He ascended the mountain with Moses and experienced God like so few people would until Jesus arrived. He would sit at the entrance of the Holy of Holies, soaking in every ounce of the Lord that he could. This is why he was named a leader. God wanted someone who wanted to be with Him—to show His people how to trust Him.

The forty years of wandering provided a lesson to the people that Joshua already knew: God's Presence is the point. His Presence is the Promised Land.

Like Joshua, take time to remember not only what God has done but who He is. He doesn't just want you to follow Him. He wants you to know Him.



SCRIPTURE

- Exodus 24:13
- Exodus 33:11
- Numbers 27:18

DAY 3 THE GOLDEN CALF

READ

The mountain is thundering.

Your leader has disappeared into a cloud of fire. Trumpets from heaven have blared. The ground has shaken. You begged this God to stop, afraid you would surely die.

And now, you wait.

Forty days and forty nights.

They had witnessed God's power in ways they could never have imagined, yet they didn't know what to do when God seemed distant. He had delivered them from death multiple times. He literally fed and watered them from the clouds and the rocks, but the worry was still loud in their hearts. Maybe God had led them into the desert to die.

They felt vulnerable. Exposed. Powerless.

Israel had spent generations surrounded by idols—images carved from wood, stone, and metal. Idols were visible and tangible. Something they could see, touch, and understand. Then, an idea struck them: if we can't see God, maybe we can make something we can control. So, they pressured Aaron to lead them in making a golden calf.

And here's the tragedy: at that very moment, God was telling Moses what to do with the gold, silver, fabrics, and riches the Israelites had carried out of Egypt. They were meant for the tabernacle—the place where God's presence would dwell among His people. God was offering them the beautiful and true version of what they were trying to manufacture for themselves.

When Moses comes down the mountain and sees what Israel has done, he breaks the tablets containing



God's commandments. But God meets His people with mercy. He reveals Himself as compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

How often We grow tired of waiting. We become uncomfortable with uncertainty. We want answers now. We want God to fit inside categories we can understand.

In our production, we see Joshua ascend the mountain with Moses. From a distance, he witnesses the power and majesty of God. He grieves with Moses over what has happened below. Joshua and the people learn something important: God's presence cannot be replaced.

SCRIPTURE

- Exodus 32:1–5
- Exodus 34:6

DAY 4 BURN THE CHARIOTS

READ

Burn the chariots.

It seems like a strange command. After a victory, wouldn't you want to keep the best weapons, the strongest horses, and everything that might give you an advantage in the next battle?

But God wanted His people to remember where their victory came from.

Battle is a major part of the book of Joshua. It can be uncomfortable for us to read, but living in a fallen world guarantees conflict. After this win, Israel could have looked at the chariots and thought, "This is what will keep us safe. This is what will make us strong." But God was teaching them something deeper: their security was never found in the weapons they possessed. Their strength was never ultimately found in themselves.

In our production, Joshua sings, "Some will trust in the weapons of war, but I will trust in the name of the Lord."

By burning the chariots, God made sure the Israelites couldn't simply turn the tools of their enemies into their own source of confidence. They would have to continue depending on Him for provision, protection, and victory.

The question is simple but weighty: what are you trusting in?

Sometimes God asks us to "burn the chariots"—to let go of the thing that makes us feel secure apart from Him. It might be our own strength, our plans, our accomplishments, or our desire for control.



God doesn't want us to live in fear of what comes next. He wants us to remember who goes with us into every battle.

SCRIPTURE

- Joshua 11:9
- Proverbs 3:5–6

DAY 5 GIANTS IN THE LAND

READ

It truly was a land flowing with milk and honey.

When the Israelites arrived at the edge of Canaan, Moses sent twelve spies to scout out the land. For forty days, they explored it, gathered evidence, and prepared their report.

And what they saw was incredible.

The land was beautiful. It was bountiful. It was everything God had promised.

On the stage, you get a glimpse of what the spies must have seen: massive clusters of grapes, pomegranates, figs, abundant livestock, and a land overflowing with provision. But when the spies returned to camp, something became clear. They were not in agreement about what they had seen. They didn't just see with their eyes—they saw with their hearts.

Caleb and Joshua remembered.

They remembered the Red Sea.

They remembered God's victories.

They remembered manna from heaven and quail in the wilderness.

They remembered water coming from a rock.

They had seen God do the impossible time and time again.

So when they looked at the giants in Canaan, they said: what are giants compared to God? But the other spies saw the same land and reached a very different conclusion. They focused on the obstacles instead of the One who had promised the land.



Their fear spread through the people until an entire generation became convinced that they couldn't go forward.

And God gave them what they thought they wanted.

They were too afraid to enter the Promised Land, so they didn't.

Fear had convinced them that God's promise was smaller than their problem.

Sometimes, we stand at the edge of something God has called us toward, and all we can see are the giants. The obstacles feel enormous. The uncertainty feels overwhelming. We forget what God has already done.

The question isn't whether there are giants in the land.

The question is whether we trust the God who told us to go.

SCRIPTURE

- Numbers 13:1–6
- Psalm 27:1
- Numbers 13:26–31

DAY 6 A RED CORD

READ

“Don’t make a covenant with a Canaanite.” This was God’s command before the Israelites entered the Promised Land a second time. Forty years had passed—forty years of testing, training, and learning to trust Him. Now, they were ready.

Just as Moses had done before him, Joshua sent two spies into the land. Their assignment was Jericho, a fortified city with towering walls. But this generation wasn’t making the same mistake twice. They knew that no city, army, or wall was too much for the Lord.

There, the spies met an unlikely ally: Rahab, a prostitute.

When Rahab realized these men were Hebrews, she recognized an answer to a deeper longing. The hearts of Jericho’s people were melting with fear. They had heard stories of Israel and her powerful God. But Rahab responded differently. She wondered: if this God had shown mercy to slaves, could He show mercy to her? Could she throw herself on His compassion and find freedom too?

Rahab declared, “The Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.” That confession changed everything. She asked the spies to spare her family when the city fell, and they gave her a sign; a scarlet cord hanging from her window.

In our production of JOSHUA, we get a glimpse of the darkness Rahab lived in and her desperate need for deliverance. Until this moment, she had likely been treated as though her value was only what others could see or take from her. But God saw her heart and called her His own.

While the people of Jericho were melting with fear, Rahab’s heart was softening with surrender.



Do you believe that He is the God of heaven above and earth below? Jesus promises that everyone who calls on His name will be saved. Like Rahab, we come to Him with nothing but faith in His mercy.

When we trust Him, it’s as though we hang the scarlet cord from our own window—declaring that our hope, our rescue, and our future are found in Him alone.

SCRIPTURE

- Joshua 2
- Romans 10:13

DAY 7 BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

READ

When Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead Israel. Leadership was not something Joshua had pursued. Joshua was being called to help lead His people into their inheritance.

God's command was simple: "Be strong and courageous." In just three days, Israel would march toward Jericho.

Joshua passed God's command on to the people. Their hearts were not to resemble the trembling hearts of the Canaanites. Instead, they were to prepare themselves by consecrating themselves to the Lord. Before they stepped into the promise, they needed to remember Who had made the promise and Whose they were.

Then Joshua encountered the angel of the Lord. Like Moses before him, Joshua communed with God. The Angel of the Lord was not on the side of human agenda. He represented God's heart alone. Joshua needed to know that he was on the Lord's side.

And then God gave him the battle plan.

It was, by any human measure, bizarre.

The Israelites were to carry the ark of the covenant around the city. Trumpets would lead the way. They would march around the walls, day after day. Then they would shout—and God would bring the walls down.

Courage meant trusting God enough to obey even when His instructions didn't make sense. Joshua could not and would not conquer Jericho in his own strength. Joshua needed that courage. So did the people. And so did Rahab, whose faith would place her and her family under God's protection.



In our production, the women of Israel lead this moment with the rhythmic song, "The Walls Are Gonna Come Down." We see the walls of Jericho crumble one by one—except for that small sliver marked by the red cord in Rahab's window.

Trusting the Lord is the only way to have the courage to fully follow Him.

Like Joshua and Rahab—what is God calling you to trust Him with today?

SCRIPTURE

- Joshua 1:7–9
- Joshua 6

Choose today whom you will serve.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.



JOSHUA 24:15