

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP TRANSFORMING OUR NATION SERIES A Study in the Book of Joshua

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TEXT: Joshua 1:1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, 2 "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. 3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory. 5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, 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 success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

INTRO: We have just finished a series on the Ten Commandments, but we covered more than just the Commandments. We see the Gospel through the Passover Lamb, which released the Jewish people from the bondage of slavery. They went through the Red Sea. Paul says that this was all an example to teach us the Gospel from the Old Testament. **1 Corinthians 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.**

The lessons do not stop with the book of Deuteronomy. It goes on to teach us how to disciple a nation in the book of Joshua. Another way to say it: The book of Joshua teaches us how to transform a nation through the supernatural power of God and the authority of His Word. I want to do a brief series on Joshua and the transformation of our nation.

There is a battle for the soul of America. The difference in Joshua is a physical battle that is a lesson and metaphor of the spiritual battle that it takes to transform a nation. "Our battle is not against flesh and blood..." (Ephesians 6:12).

Nevertheless, Joshua and the people of Israel had to fight over every inch of what is now the land and the nation of Israel. It wasn't easy. It would be a combination of the supernatural intervention of God and yet the Israelites had to go to war. Once conquered, the land had to be farmed and worked on.

We want transformation of our society, but what does it look like? That revival and a glory mist is going to come and change everything? The Clapham Group met every night to strategize how to end the slave trade and slavery. Then they got people to vote for members of Parliament who were abolitionists. It takes hard work to win an election.

I personally believe that President Trump will be reelected, but I felt that God told me to take most of September and October to go to the battleground states and do my part to see President Trump elected, because I believe that the major transformation that will take place in our nation will be through policies that will be implemented, but these policies must be based on biblical values.

I. KNOW THAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO BE A TRANSFORMER

A. LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

1. TRANSITION FROM MOSES TO JOSHUA
 2. TRANSITION FROM PROFESSIONAL MINISTERS TO THE DAY OF THE SAINTS
- B. ALL OF YOU ARE LEADERS: YOU ARE ALL KINGS AND PRIESTS**

1. **1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**
2. YOUR IDENTITY DETERMINES YOUR DESTINY
3. **“The way you fulfill your destiny is by making God’s purpose become your purpose.” Ché Ahn**

II. KNOW THAT GOD HAS COMMISSIONED YOU

A. JOSHUA WAS COMMISSIONED BY GOD THROUGH MOSES

1. **Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

B. THE FATHER COMMISSIONED JESUS AT HIS BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT CAME UPON JESUS

C. THE EARLY CHURCH WAS COMMISSIONED IN THE UPPER ROOM WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS Poured ON THEM IN ACTS 2

D. THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT HAS COMMISSIONED YOU!

III. MAKE THE GREAT COMMISSION A PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE

A. GOD GAVE JOSHUA THE COMMISSION TO TAKE THE PROMISED LAND

1. **Joshua 1:16 They answered Joshua, saying, “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you; only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses.”**

B. FOR US, GOD HAS GIVEN US THE COMMISSION TO DISCIPLE NATIONS BEGINNING WITH OUR NATION (Matthew 28:18-20)

1. **WHEN YOU MAKE THE GREAT COMMISSION THE TOP PRIORITY, GOD’S BLESSING AND FAVOR WILL FOLLOW YOU**
2. Psalm 37:23 The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way.
3. My recent trip to Dallas: I flew in for a single meeting that was planned ahead of time. Then God opened doors with Lance Wallnau’s show and an interview with Steve Strang.

CONCLUSION: It starts with giving your heart to Jesus Christ. Today I want to commission you as a minister of the Gospel, as a revivalist, and as a transformer in our nation!