

# PROMISES & POWER

Leadership  
Message 1

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2. Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
(Joshua 1:10-15. C/R: Mark 10:42-45; Acts 20:28;  
Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 5:2-4)

## ► Outline

*"... Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people..."*

**Joshua 1:2b (NLT)**

### A. Introduction

(Exodus 24:12-18; Numbers 13:1-16; 14:1-9; 27:12-23)

3. Responsiveness \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
(Joshua 1:16-18. C/R: 1 Corinthians 16:15-16;  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7,17)

### B. Requirements of spiritual leadership...

(Joshua 1:1-18)

#### 1. Relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

(Joshua 1:1-9. C/R: Genesis 13: 14-17;  
Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Psalm 127:1; Proverbs 3:5-6)

**Answers:** 1. God 2. for 3. from

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## ► Discussion Guide

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### Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt totally unprepared or unqualified to carry out a particular task. What did you do?

### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

#### Read Joshua 1.

1. God called Joshua to finish the task He'd given Moses. What specific instruction did God give him?
2. What internal and external challenges did Joshua face? Which of these can you relate with?
3. Joshua had massive shoes to fill! Has God ever given you a daunting task? How did you respond? What lesson can you learn from that experience?
4. God told Joshua to meditate (read, study, think about continually) on the instruction he'd received from Moses (vs. 7-9). Describe a time you received direction or inspiration from reading the Bible.
5. Joshua's name means *The Lord is salvation* (or *Yahweh saves*). What does this tell you about the mission God gave Joshua? How does this help you understand the mission God has given you?
6. How has your relationship with God changed who you are and the direction of your life? Can you think of an example?
7. For 40 years, Joshua served as a faithful aide to Moses. Who helps strengthen your devotion to God? What do they do that inspires you?

8. Joshua remained faithful until it was his time to lead. When have you found yourself waiting for God's direction? How did you handle that?
9. What promises did God give Joshua? What impact did they have on him? Give specific examples from the text.
10. Describe a time when a promise from God changed your perspective or gave you strength.
11. What words would you use to describe Joshua? How do these qualities challenge or inspire you?
12. God has called us to lead others to Christ. What are ways you can do that this week?

### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these will become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.*

Pause to refocus on God and ask Him these questions: Father, what practice or habit will help me refocus on You? How do You want to change my view of You? Ask God to soften your heart and help you respond to His direction.

### Memory Verse

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.*

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

### Daily Reading

- Day 1: Numbers 27:12-23      Day 4: 1 Peter 5:2-4  
Day 2: Deuteronomy 31:1-8      Day 5: Hebrews 13:7  
Day 3: Psalm 127:1

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 15, we'll continue the series in Joshua, *Promises and Power*. To prepare, read **Joshua 2**.

