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Joshua: Salvation Week 1 Day 1

"These things we do that others may live."

– USAF Pararescue

Everyone dies - few live. We are born slaves - few receive the gift of freedom. All men are warriors. Slavery shackles our potential to become more than warriors.

This is week one of a ten-week study. It follows Joshua and Caleb from slavery to freedom. From freedom, they become more than conquerors. As they rest in God's blessings, they lead others to do the same.

Whatever we do, we do it for the glory of God – so others may live and glorify Him.

Like Joshua and Caleb, all men are warriors born into slavery. God offers redemption, reconciliation, and rest. He calls us out of slavery to become more than conquerors, more than warriors.

Invite others to journey with you. This is not a battle you can win alone - you will need them as much as they need you.

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. - Ecclesiastes 4:12

Challenge:

- Memorize Exodus 15:2
- Invite other men to join you in this battle.
- What must Joshua do to successfully follow God's plan?

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Read:

- Joshua 1:1-9 Romans 5:6-11
- Romans 6:12-14 Exodus 15:2 psalm 62

Week 1 Day 2

Joshua was born an Israelite slave around the time Moses fled Egypt after trying to judge Israel by his own authority. Forty years before that, Pharaoh permanently baptized the male children of Israel when he sacrificed them on the altar of the Nile river.

When Joshua turned forty, he was reborn into freedom. God, through Moses, miraculously saved Joshua and the rest of Israel as He baptized them through another sea of death – the Red Sea. When Moses raised his staff and lifted his hand over the Red Sea, God turned that altar of death into a dry road to life. With heaps of water on both sides, Joshua walked to freedom through the Red Sea's dry valley of death.

Suddenly Moses and the Israelites began to sing:

***"The Lord is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;***

– Exodus 15:2 NASB

Challenge:

- Memorize Exodus 15:2
- What does “salvation” mean to you?

Read:

- Exodus 1:22 – 2:14
- Exodus 14:13 – 15:18
- Psalm 71

Week 1 Day 3:

When God freed the Israelite slaves from Egypt, they sang: “The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my Salvation. “ (Exodus 15:2 NASB)

Salvation is a word the Bible uses when God frees His people. It means to preserve or deliver from harm or slavery.

Are you a slave? Are you scarred by the whips of addiction telling you to do it “just one more time”? Do you go to bed with chains of fear holding you down? Do you wake up and tell

yourself, “things will get better,” but deep down, you know they never will? Do you long for life - but feel like every choice you make is another step towards death?

Joshua knew what being a slave felt like. He experienced non-stop slavery for the first forty years of his life. When God sent Moses to free him, Pharaoh made the Israelite slaves work even harder.

Like Joshua, you were born into slavery. In Romans Chapter 6, Paul explains that we are all born slaves to sin, and our final payment is eternal death and destruction in Hell. When you seek freedom, your old master works even harder to keep you enslaved. But, praise God – Jesus is our Salvation.

Challenge:

- Memorize Exodus 15:2
- What are you a slave to?
- What is your next step to freedom?

Read:

- Exodus 5
- Romans 6
- Exodus 15:2
- Psalms 27

Day 4:

Names in the old testament have deep meaning,

Moses means - drawn out. He was drawn out of the water, and God used him to draw Israel out of Egypt.

Joshua means - The Lord is Salvation.

When we read Bible stories, we often identify with the main character. We see Joshua campaigning through the Promised Land, and we identify with his military conquests. We put ourselves in the position of the hero – but that role belongs to Another. Instead, we are more like Caleb.

Caleb means - a faithful one, wholehearted. Caleb faithfully fought beside Joshua, but he was not "The Lord is Salvation."

The name "Joshua" points to Someone else. Joshua or in Hebrew: Yehoshua, means the Lord is Salvation. It is shortened to Yeshua or, as we know it today: Jesus. Joshua is a type of Christ. It is not us that fight the battles, but Jesus. It is not us that conquer, but through Jesus - we become more than conquerors.

Like Moses, the Law draws us out of slavery, but it can't keep us from wandering in the desert of sin. The Law can't give us rest.

Like Joshua, Jesus is our salvation. We find real rest in Him. Like Joshua, Jesus started His campaign in the Jordan river, and He – like Joshua leads His people to victory.

We are dead in our sins, and our sin demands death. Jesus, if we trust Him, became sin for us and died our death for us. Three days later, He proved His word and God's power when He rose from the dead. If we join Jesus in His death, we will also join Him in His resurrection. But we must trust only in Him - not in our own ability.

Like Israel, we cannot free ourselves from slavery. We must believe and rest in the One who died to set us free.

Challenge:

- Memorize Exodus 15:2
- Pray Psalm 51 out loud.

Read:

- Joshua 3:7-13
- Mark 1:1-15
- Exodus 15:2
- Psalms 51

Day 5:

Do you want to be free? Do you want to be adopted into God's family? You can't free yourself from slavery any more than you can choose the family you were born into. By yourself, you are hopeless. That's where Jesus comes in. Jesus not only offers you immediate freedom from sin, but He also provides you adoption into a new family - God's family.

Jesus doesn't free you from sin to be recaptured later, like Pharaoh tried to recapture Israel. He invites you to cross through the river of death with Him and into abundant life. He calls you to join God's family, and when you do - that's adoption. That's Salvation.

A note on "abundance." Some associate the word abundance with earthly prosperity - Jesus never promised that. He promised that His followers would live life more abundantly. What is life - it's a series of ups and downs. What is abundant life? It's more life. The ups are higher and more humbling, the downs are lower and more glorifying. Salvation frees you from the prison of the mundane into the glorious spiritual richness of the Holy Spirit living through you.

Salvation is the demonstration of God's inescapable love for you through the complete and perfect work of His Son Jesus. The work of Jesus is to totally set you free from your self-imposed slavery and to continually free you to become His salt and light disciple, a fully adopted joint heir with the Son of God.

God's call is to all men, but not all men hear it. If you will hear His voice - He is calling you.

Salvation is being supernaturally freed from slavery to adoption.

Challenge:

- Memorize Exodus 15:2
- Are you a slave to sin?
- Do you want to be free?

Read:

- Exodus 14:1-12
- Exodus 20:1-2 John 1:9-13
- Romans 10 Ephesians 2
- Exodus 15:2
- Psalm 144

Day 6

When God used Moses to free Israel from Egypt, their first step was a type of baptism through the Red Sea. When God used Joshua to bring Israel into the promised land, their first step was a type of baptism through the Jordan. When Jesus officially began His ministry, he too was baptized in the Jordan.

Baptism may be a new concept for you, but for many Jesus followers, it is their first act of obedience.

Baptism is not salvation. The word baptism carries the idea of fully submerging a piece of cloth into a dye to change its color. It is a type of identification. When Jesus was baptized, He identified with you and your humanity, and God identified Him as His beloved Son. When you are baptized, you publicly identify yourself with Jesus' death and resurrection. You testify that God released you from the chains of sin, and placed the righteousness of Christ on you.

God saves His people from something and He saves them to something. This is an important concept:

God redeems His warriors from sin's stronghold and frees them to rest in Jesus' righteousness.

When John baptized people with water, it was for the remission of sin - those he baptized got dirty and needed to be baptized again. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is permanent. If Jesus only freed us from the stronghold of slavery, we would wander back into the chains of sin again. Jesus also frees us to rest in His righteousness and spiritual blessings. In the same way, God not only drew Israel out of Egypt, but He delivered them to the Promised Land.

Challenge:

- Memorize Exodus 15:2
- Why have or haven't you publicly Identified with Jesus through Baptism?

Read:

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-11
- Matthew 3
- John 3
- colossians 1:13-14 // Exodus 15:2 Psalm 23

Day 7

Before he died, Moses recounted to Israel everything God did for them. He told them, and Joshua specifically, to be "strong and courageous." To read the Law and to teach it to their children. To regularly meditate on it and recount everything God accomplished for and through them. Later, God personally instructed Joshua to do the same.

What is your story? What has God completed for and through you? **Have you experienced the Lord's salvation?** Has His glory been seen by others through your life? When you share that story with others, it's called a testimony.

Sharing your testimony is dangerous. Stephen, the first martyr to die for Jesus, died because of his witness. Stephen's declaration threaded God's redemption work from Abraham to Jesus, from the Old Testament to the New.

What is your story? If you don't have one, pray that God opens your eyes to see His redemption work in your life from the beginning.

Challenge:

- Memorize Exodus 15:2
- Write your testimony and share it with someone else.

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Read:

- Acts 7
- Exodus 15:2
- Psalms 78

#MoreThanWarriors: Joshua – Wilderness

Week 2: Day 1

When God rescued Israel from slavery, He gave them the wealth of Egypt. God did this to demonstrate His power and glory. God instructed Moses to use this wealth to construct priestly garments, the Ark, and the Tabernacle. Every time they went to worship, Israel saw physical reminders of the redemptive power and provision of God.

God led Israel from Egypt to Mount Sinai. Joshua stood nearby as God gave the Law to Moses. While God gave Moses His plan for the wealth of Egypt – Israel had other plans.

We who were slaves to the flesh also brought treasure out of our slavery. Knowledge, skills, habits, and scars – wealth from our time as slaves. The question is, are we using that wealth for God's glory – a testament of what He did for us? Or are we creating spiritual idols out of it and worshiping what once held us captive?

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 105:1
- Ask God to search your heart for the hidden things that enslave you.
- What treasure did you bring out of slavery?
- Are you using it to worship God or what once captivated you?

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Read:

- Exodus 3
- Exodus 12:35-36
- Exodus 25:1-9
- Exodus 32:1-20
- Exodus 35:20-22
- Psalms 139:23-24
- Psalms 105

Day 2

Our sinful nature is incompatible with God and His will for our lives. That which we cannot set apart for His glory must eventually be dealt with. Israel had the “mixed multitude.” When you read Israel’s complaints during their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, you will usually find the mixed multitude involved. The mixed multitude was also likely behind the golden calf incident.

The mixed multitude did not understand the spiritual things of God. They did not understand why God only gave them manna to eat in the desert. They wanted to go back to Egypt, where their carnal nature was easily satisfied.

They incited the Israelites to reject manna, the daily miracle of God’s provision, and to ask for meat instead. God granted that prayer, but it came at a terrible price. When we pray, we must ask that God’s will be done above our own.

The sinful nature wanders in Egyptian slavery, but the spiritual nature is adopted for Promised Land rest.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 105:1
- Ask God to know and reveal the motives of your heart.
- Describe a time when you wanted to “return to Egypt.”

Read:

- Exodus 12:37-38
- Numbers 11
- Psalms 105:1
- Psalm 94

Day 3

What happened to the mixed multitude? Like the Israelites, they fell in the desert, leaving their offspring to find rest in the Promised Land. Two men survived the desert. One was the Israelite Joshua – The Lord's salvation - a type of Jesus. The other was Caleb – the faithful, wholehearted one - an example for us.

Scholars say Caleb was an outsider, a part of the mixed multitude. Like us, he was adopted into God's family. God rewarded Caleb for choosing faithfulness and righteousness over comfort and pleasure.

Some offspring of the mixed multitude became the Rechabites. They set themselves apart by faithfully following laws God placed in their hearts.

The mixed multitude that would not be set apart for God's glory were set apart from (or excluded from) God's glory.

What can you set apart for the glory of God?

What needs to be removed from your life for God's glory?

The flesh hates discipline and will try to shorten or avoid it. The Spirit loves training and leads God's warriors into it because the end result is the fruit of righteousness for the glory of God.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 105:1
- Ask God to challenge your heart to trade temporal things for the eternal.
- What do you need to “put to death” in your life?
- Ask your brothers to help you find ways to redeem your gifts for the glory of God.

Read:

- Joshua 14:6-15
- Jeremiah 35
- Romans 8:12-17
- Hebrews 12:9-13
- Psalms 105:1
- Psalms 4

Day 4

When God first led Israel to the Promised Land, they sent in 12 spies. In Numbers 13, this looks like God's idea, but Deuteronomy tells us it was actually Israel's.

The land was bountiful, everything God said it was. God also knew about the giants, the fortified cities, the challenges that awaited His people. He stood ready to fight ahead of them. But Israel was afraid.

Israel put their faith in the giants instead of God.

Today, we have a spiritual Promised Land – it is spelled out in Ephesians Chapter 1. It is just as beautiful, bountiful, dangerous, and intimidating to us as the Holy Land was to the Israelites. It will not be easy. There will be battles. But the Lord goes before us. The question is:

Are we going to rest in the Spiritual blessings of God, or are we going to wander in the wilderness of doubt?

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 105:1
- Ask God to reveal the plans he has for your heart.
- What keeps you from resting in God's promises?

Read:

- Numbers 13
- Numbers 14:1-10
- Deuteronomy 1
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Psalms 105:1
- Psalm 73

Day 5

Jesus frees us from slavery and forgives our sins. He does not always free us from the disciplinary consequences of sin. The result of Israel putting their faith in the giants instead of God was forty years of wandering through the wilderness. Israel compounded their mistake when they rejected God's discipline and tried to enter the Promised Land on their own.

Israel was not made for the wilderness, but Joshua and Caleb were made for God. For 40 years, Israel languished in the wilderness, and it swallowed them whole. During that time, Joshua and Caleb thrived in the Lord.

We all go through wilderness seasons. Are you thriving in the wilderness? Abiding in the Lord? Or are you languishing and being swallowed whole by the circumstances around you?

Wait on God's timing.

Allow God's discipline to complete its work in you so that you will be ready to receive His Spiritual blessings.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 105:1
- Ask God to see your heart through all seasons.
- How are you abiding in wilderness seasons? Are you thriving, or being swallowed whole?

Read:

Numbers 14:11-45

Joshua 14:6-14

John 15:1-11

James 1:1-4

Psalms 105:1

Psalms 91

God always guides and provides for His children – especially during times of discipline.

When Israel left Egypt, they were guided by God's presence - a pillar of fire and smoke. That pillar led them for 40 years in the wilderness. Where it stopped, Israel camped. When it moved from the tabernacle, Israel followed.

God provided water and manna for his children. Manna did not appeal to worldly appetites, but it had all the nutrients Israel needed for survival.

God's provision is not limited to a location. When Elijah fled the Promised Land, he found God's provision in the wilderness.

Today, our constant fiery companion is the Holy Spirit. Our Manna, our Bread, is the Word of God. It might not appeal to the worldly-minded man, but it is everything the spiritual man needs to live by. Jesus is our Rock who provides living water. And if God's warrior finds himself temporarily back in the wilderness, he will see God's grace and provision there.

Both Israel and the mixed multitude experienced these things. But only the ones set apart by God thrived on His daily discipline. The rest were destroyed.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 105:1
- Ask God to lead your heart out of slavery and towards His spiritual blessings.
- How has God provided water and manna in your wilderness?

Read:

Numbers 9:15-17

Acts 2:1-4

Exodus 16

Exodus 17:1-7

1 Kings 19:2-8

John 6:30-40

1 Corinthians 10:1-11 Psalms 105:1 Psalms 66

Day 7 Survey pt 2 Spiritual Inventory

After 40 years of experiencing God's daily discipline and provision, Israel approached the Promised Land. Joshua commanded the people to take an inventory and get ready. He sent two spies, not to see if they could take the land, but to see where God was at work. They found Him at work in the heart of a harlot in Jericho.

Seek where God is at work and join Him.

A spiritual inventory will help you see where God is at work in your life.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 in the following areas:

- Prayer
- Bible Study
- Witness
- Home Relationships
- Work Relationships
- Sexual Purity
- Finances

Ask God to identify one area He is leading you to improve. Christian living is like the Promised Land. Some parts of it may still be occupied by the enemy. In time, God will lead you to where He is at work and invite you to join Him in His restoration work.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 105:1
- Take a spiritual inventory. A free one is available at www.morethanwarriors.com

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Read:

Exodus 23:20-33

Joshua 1:10-18

Joshua 2:1-14

Psalms 105:1

Psalms 139

#MoreThanWarriors: Joshua

Week 3

Day 1 Prepare for War

Every army has a warcry. Our memory verse is the Hebrew warcry

Rak Chazak Amats

“Only be strong and courageous.”

God gave it to Moses and Joshua. Joshua passed it to Israel.

Their warcry is our warcry. Rak – only do what follows. Chazak – be strong, act like a man.
Amats – take courage, make secure, be obstinate.

Rak chazak

Chazak amats!

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 1:9
- Plan a fast, feast, celebration, baptism, service project or another event with your brothers this week.
- Are you in a battle right now? What is your warcry?

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Read:

Deut 31:1-26

Deut 20:1-4

Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua 10:24-26

2nd Samuel 10:9-14

Daniel 10:15-19

1 corinthians 16:13

Ephesians 6:10

Psalms 31

Day 2 spies rahab

When Israel first spied out the Promised Land, they were looking for weakness. Unfortunately, the only weakness they found was their own. The second time, after 40 years of training in the wilderness, they learned to trust in the direction and strength of God.

Joshua sent the spies to see where God was working, and they found Him at work, not on the walls, but in the hearts of the people.

God defeated Jericho before Israel crossed the Jordan.

Every citizen of Jericho knew about God's power and could have trusted Him. As far as we know, Rahab and her family were the only ones who did. Because of her faith, Rahab became a part of Jesus' ancestry when God adopted her into the family of Israel.

Challenge:

- Week 3 Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9
- What stronghold is God tearing down in your life?

Read:

Deut 1:20-40

Joshua 2

Matthew 1:1-6

Joshua 1:9

Psalm 34

Day 3

Every warrior stands at the Jordan with Joshua. Will you cross over and find Promised Land rest? Or will you remain in the wilderness - free from slavery, but not fully resting in the promise of God?

Your first step is adoption. You were not born into God's family, the Promised Land is not your birthright, it belongs to Jesus. You are adopted when you proclaim Jesus as Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead.

The next step is identification through baptism and circumcision of your heart. Baptism is not always with water. John the Baptist said that Jesus "would baptize you with fire and with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus' followers identify with Christ through His death and resurrection. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit, who teaches us to rest in Jesus.

Challenge:

- Week 3 Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9
- Where do you stand?
- What is your next step?

Read:

Romans 8

Luke 14 25-33

Matthew 3: 11-17

Joshua 1:9

Psalm 68

Day 4 baptism into the promised land

Israel's next step was baptism in the Jordan. Moses led Joshua and the previous generation of Israel out of slavery through the Red Sea. God prepared, guided, and trained Joshua for this day. Just as God exalted Jesus when He was baptized in the Jordan, God exalted Joshua (the Lord is Salvation) among the people of Israel.

Moses, whose name means "to draw out," represents the Law. The Law might draw you out of slavery, but it cannot save you to the Promised Land. Moses led Israel out of slavery to the border of the Promised Land. Joshua (the Lord is salvation) brought Israel into Promised Land rest.

This is how the Law and Jesus work in our lives: The Law reveals our slavery, but only Jesus saves us to rest in God's blessings.

Water symbolizes death and the grave. When we baptize someone, we take them below the water and raise them up, demonstrating their spiritual identification with Christ's death and resurrection. When Israel passed through the waters of the Jordan, they moved from wilderness death to Promised Land rest.

The Ark symbolizes Jesus. When the Ark entered the Jordan, it stopped the waters all the way back to the city of Adam. Let me rephrase that: The power of Jesus stopped death all the way back to Adam.

Challenge:

- Week 3 Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9
- How is God preparing you to serve Him today?

Numbers 20:8-13

Deut 3:23-28

Joshua 3

Joshua 1:9

Psalm 114

Day 5 2 pillars

God commanded Joshua to erect two stone pillars when Israel crossed the Jordan.

The first pillar was 12 stones picked up from the river bed as a reminder that 12 tribes of Israel passed through on dry land. We who were once under the river of death are also pillars.

Our lives, like the stones rescued from the Jordan, point back to God and how He saved us.

The second pillar was erected in the Jordan riverbed beside the priests who carried the Ark.

This is a reminder that Jesus took our place. He bore our sins, and His work is perfect, complete, and permanent.

Challenge:

- Week 3 Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9
- How do you memorialize God's work in your life?

Joshua 4

Joshua 1:9

Psalm 143

Day 6 circumcision

Moses baptized Israel into the law through the Red Sea. Joshua baptized Israel into the Promised Land through the Jordan. Israel was spiritually identified as God's people, but they were not set apart.

This generation was born in the wilderness, but Moses never circumcised them. They identified with spiritual experiences, but Israel was not physically set apart as God's people.

This is where the rubber meets the road. To become more than a warrior, you must be set apart. It is not just the outward circumcision that God wants, but the inward. You must allow God to circumcise your heart.

Challenge:

- Week 3 Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9
- Count the Cost – What have you cut out that sets you apart for Jesus?

Joshua 5

Deut 30:1-6

Romans 2:25-29

Joshua 1:9

Psalms 103

Day 7 putting it all together to fight

“Haven’t I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don’t be timid; don’t get discouraged. God, Your God is with you every step you take.”

- Joshua 1:9 Message

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”

- Ephesians 6:10-11 NASB

Israel is free from Egyptian slavery through the blood of the Passover lamb, adopted into God's family, refined in the desert, baptized through the Jordan, and set apart by circumcision. They are ready to rest in God's Promise. They are finally prepared for war.

How about you? Are you free from sin's slavery by the blood of the Lamb, adopted into God's family, refined by trials and persecution, baptized and sealed by the Spirit, and set apart for the glory of God? Are you ready to rest in God's blessings? Are you prepared for war?

Rak Chazak - Chazak Amats

Why are we here? – So others may live!

Challenge:

- Week 3 Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9
- Did you plan a fast, feast, celebration, baptism, service project or another event with your brothers this week?
- If you haven't already - Today is the Day of Salvation - Proclaim your trust in Jesus and join the blood-bought Army of the Lord.

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Ephesians 6:10-17

Joshua 1:9

Psalms 146

Week 4 bible study prayer worship

Day 1 training introduction

"When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

- Exodus 13:17 NIV

Israel left Egypt as freed slaves, not trained warriors. God spent forty years refining them to become more than warriors.

Joshua practiced three disciplines:

- Bible Study
- Prayer
- Worship

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 3:20
- Which discipline is your strongest? Bible Study, Prayer, or Worship
- Pray for help to improve a weaker discipline.

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Read:

Exodus 13:17-22

Ephesians 3

Psalm 63

Day 2 Bible Study

“Strength! Courage! You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don’t get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you’re going. And don’t for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you’ll get where you’re going; then you’ll succeed.”

- Joshua 1:6-8 Message

Do you see the emphasis God places on His Word? He gave the Law directly to Moses on the mountain, and He sustained His people with it daily in the wilderness as they wandered between slavery and Promised Land rest.

God told Joshua to study and practice His Word daily.

The Word of God calls itself a sword. A good soldier knows his weapon like the back of his hand.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 3:20
- Meditate on Joshua 1:6-8. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how it applies to your life today.
- What are the consequences of neglecting the Word of God?
- What are the benefits of studying, practicing, and applying the Word of God?

Read:

Joshua 1

Deut 8

Nehemiah 9: 14-15

Ephesians 6:17

Hebrews 4:8-13

Ephesians 3:20 Psalm 1

Day 3 bible study 2

Jesus is our Word, our mana, our Bread of Life come down from Heaven. We are to depend on Him every day.

This is more than a casual dip into a Bible plan every once in a while.

Bible study is the daily anointing of your heart and mind with the living Word of God.

It is more than personal experience to fill an individual need. When Jesus fed the multitudes, they followed him because they liked having full bellies. When He told them to consume all that He is and let Him work His will in their lives, many fell away.

Being fed is a good start, but it is not the end goal. The end goal is to glorify God so that others will do the same. We are to eat spiritual food and share it with others.

A blocked stream of water becomes a stagnant cesspool. Manna from Heaven becomes foul rot if we try to store it up for ourselves.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 3:20
- Apply the scriptures as you study them today.

Read:

John 6

Exodus 16:11-20

Ephesians 3:20

Psalm 42

Day 4 prayer as communication

Prayer is communication with God. As children of God, as warriors in His army, we have the privilege to boldly approach the throne of God and speak with the Self-Existent Creator of the Universe.

Because of this excellent gift through Jesus, we have the responsibility to never pray to anything or anyone else.

Prayers of the Bible.

- First Prayer: Genesis 3:8-13
- Sinner's Prayer: Luke 18:13-14
- Disciple's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13
- Lord's Prayer: John 17
- Paul's Prayer: Ephesians 3:14-21

(Note: What is traditionally called "The Lord's Prayer" is not a prayer Jesus could have prayed. It is a prayer he instructed His disciples to pray, so I have labeled it as such)

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 3:20
- Be intentional about your prayer today, if you don't know what to say – pray today's Psalm. All Psalms are prayers, you can pray them every day.

Read:

Genesis 3:8-13

Luke 18:1-17

Matthew 6:5-15

John 17

Ephesians 3:14-21

Psalm 57

Day 5

Like the Word of God, prayer is also a weapon.

The first time Joshua is mentioned in the Bible, he is on the battlefield against the Amalekites while Moses is praying on the hillside. As long as Moses prayed with his staff held high, the Israelites won.

The Amalekites represent the flesh, the carnal nature, a people given over to the things of this world. We will study this enemy in week 6. Today's scripture includes God's promise to completely wipe them out. He will ultimately do away with the flesh, the part of us that desires only the things of this world. Until then, we must submit to God's refinement process in His crucible as the Holy Spirit purifies us from the desires of the flesh.

This is an example of how vital your prayer life is in the battles your brothers are fighting. Like David said to Goliath – "The battle belongs to the Lord." God does the fighting, we join Him in prayer.

Challenge:

- Week 4 Bible Verse: Ephesians 3:20
- Ask your brothers how you can be their Moses and pray for them on the battlefield.
- How can your brothers be Moses for you and pray for you while you are on the battlefield?

Read:

- Exodus 17:8-16
- Deut 25:17-19
- Ezra 8:21-23
- Isaiah 37:14-35
- 1 samual 17:45-47
- Ephesians 3:20
- Psalm 108

Day 27 worship 1

What did Israel do when God freed them from Egypt? They worshiped:

"I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea. "The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him." – Exodus 15:1-2

Worship our natural response to freedom. We worship God with words and service. We present our bodies as a living sacrifice. This is our spiritual act of worship. We have the honor and privilege of worshiping the holy God by serving.

True worship leads to service.

We worship by only looking to the One worthy of worship. Israel learned this in the desert when God told them to look to a bronze serpent for salvation from the fiery serpents. Later, Israel worshiped that bronze serpent instead of God. We must always worship the Creator, not the creation.

The next time you are in a corporate worship setting, you will notice different levels of worship. Why do some worship more than others? Jesus said: "He who has been forgiven much - loves much."

He who loves much - worships much.

Challenge:

- Week 4 Bible Verse: Ephesians 3:20
- Realize you have been forgiven much - more than much - you have been forgiven all. Practice worshiping God with all you have. Whatever you do in speech or deed – do it for the glory of God.

Read:

Numbers 21:4-9

2nd kings 18:1-6

John 3:14-15

Luke 7:36-50

Romans 12:1-2

1 Cor 10:31

Ephesians 3:20, Psalm 135

Day 28 worship 2

We are at war with three enemies: the world, flesh, and the devil. We have three weapons that God has provided to defeat those enemies.

God gave His Word as a weapon to destroy the lies and strongholds of the evil one. He invites us to join Him in the battle against the flesh through repentance and prayer. He uses worship to tear down the barriers of this world.

Nowhere is the power of worship more evident than at the battle of Jericho. When Israel reached the walls of Jericho, God said it was already delivered into their hands, and their marching orders were to worship Him.

We worship God, before, during, and after the battle. Israel defeated Jericho not by raising their swords, but by lifting their voices.

The battle belongs to the Lord – He invites us to worship Him.

Challenge:

- Week 4 Bible Verse: Ephesians 3:20
- Worship God for all He has done

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

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Read:

Joshua 6:2-4

Hebrews 11:23-31

Ephesians 3:20

Psalms 150

Day 1 Week 5 Jericho

Jesus followers have three enemies on the battlefield: the world, the flesh, and the deceiver. Often, the most immediate threat we face is the world. It is big, in your face, and seems impenetrable. The world is entrenched around our lives. We are set apart from it – yet we are still in it. In a spiritual sense, the world is the battlefield. For Joshua, Jericho represented the world.

God trained Israel in the Wilderness, baptized them in the Jordan, and circumcised them as they camped before the locked gates of Jericho.

How would they overcome Jericho?

How do we overcome the world?

Challenge:

- Week 5 Bible Verse: John 16:33
- What battles are you facing that seem bigger than you?

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Read:

Joshua 6:1-5

John 16:33

Psalms 35

Day 2

Jericho-the-fortress was a defensive marvel. Its walls were impenetrable, yet it was small enough to be marched around seven times in a single day (about 8.5 acres, according to archaeologists). Left standing, it could send marauders out to harass invading armies at will. Jericho must be destroyed, God decreed it, and Joshua knew it.

Jericho-the-people were Canaanites: a people whose sin took 400 years to reach its full measure. At any time before or during the 7-day siege, they could have repented and trusted in the God of Israel. Rahab did. Instead, the inhabitants of Jericho chose to continue their sin and trust in their walls and military might.

God is patient with us, but there is a sin that leads to death, and when man's sin reaches its full measure, there will be no doubt that our patient God is righteous and just in His wrath.

Challenge:

- Week 5 Bible Verse: John 16:33
- Think of a time when you trusted in your own strength. How did that go?

Read:

Joshua 6:6-14

Genesis 15:13-21

John 16:33

Psalm 75

Day 3

When the Bible talks about the world, it implies more than just the created planet we call Earth. There is a human, physical, moral, temporal, and future world. When we discuss the world as an enemy, we are primarily alluding to the parts that are hostile towards God.

God created the physical world through the Word, and He invites us to join Him in creation by worshiping Him. But this world is now hostile territory occupied against God. Not only is it a sworn enemy of Jesus followers, but the paradise God created became the battlefield into which King Jesus calls us.

Where do we start? How can we begin to change a world whose very existence defines opposition to God? The answer lies in a very familiar verse...

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” – John 3:16

Challenge:

- Week 5 Bible Verse: John 16:33
- Have you ever seen love defeat an enemy?
- You were once an enemy of God, how did God defeat you?

Read:

Genesis 1:1

John 1:1-18

John 3:10-21

1 John 2:15-17

1 John 3

John 16:33

Psalm 36

God's strategy for defeating Jericho was two-fold: Faith and worship.

Alone, Israel could not defeat Jericho. If Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, he would lose. This was God's battle, not man's. This was God's victory, not man's.

Joshua knew that the battle belongs to the Lord - Israel's duty was to worship and trust God.

When Joshua and Caleb first entered the land as Moses' spies, Israel's faith was in the might and power of man. When they discovered that strength and power favored the land's inhabitants instead of themselves, they became afraid. Now, their faith was in the real source of strength and power - the Spirit of God.

Their faith allowed them to do what they were incapable of 40 years earlier: to trust God's strategy and worship Him amidst their enemies. Throughout the years, Israel's Kings learned to do the same.

Challenge:

- Week 5 Bible Verse: John 16:33
- Describe a time when you worshiped God in the presence of your enemies.

Read:

Joshua 6:15-23

2nd Samuel 22

2nd Chronicles 20:14-30

Hebrews 11:1-2

Hebrews 11:30-31

John 16:33

Psalms 18

5 the strategy for the world

How do you overcome the world?

- You cannot save the world.
- You cannot change the world.
- You cannot overcome the world.

It's easy to have faith in God and worship Him in the safety of a church, surrounded by other Jesus followers. We are called to be more than warriors – to go out into a world that is hostile towards God, to show it the same love that Jesus taught us, to lay our lives down like an obedient act of love for a world that hates us because it hates Jesus our King.

How do we overcome the world? We don't - Jesus did that for us.

- We worship God.
- We lay down our lives as a living sacrifice.
- We let Jesus love the world through us.

We allow Jesus to love the world through us when we offer ourselves as living sacrifices in worship to the Holy God.

Challenge:

- Week 5 Bible Verse: John 16:33
- Find a way to worship God in public, outside the walls of the church.

Read:

1 John 4

Romans 12:1-2

John 16:33

Psalms 59

6 victory from jericho

God defeated Jericho before Israel crossed the Jordan.

Israel was not to raise a sword to take it, nor were they to plunder it. They were to worship God in faith and to destroy everything and everyone that was not set apart for God.

Once destroyed, God – through Joshua – cursed the rebuilding of Jericho. Whoever returned to Jericho to rebuild it would do so at the cost of their offspring. This terrible curse came to pass in 1 Kings chapter 16. Modern archaeologists discovered the bones of children placed in jars and inserted into Jericho's rebuilt foundations.

God defeated the world for us. If we reinhabit the sin of this world, we do so at the peril of those closest to us. Like the curse of Jericho, our children often pay the highest price for our rebellion.

Challenge:

- Memorize John 16:33
- Describe a time when you wanted to return to the sins of the world.

Read:

Joshua 6:24-27

Proverbs 26:11

2nd Peter 2:20-22

1 Kings 16:29-34

John 16:33

Psalms 115

7 victory from the world

God speaks of overcoming the world in the past tense. The world was never an enemy to be conquered by us. It is a battleground to be filled and loved. The world is occupied territory because we, its conquerors through Christ, occupy it.

When Jericho was rebuilt, it was occupied again. In Jesus' day, it was inhabited by a man named Zacchaeus who, overcome by the love of Jesus, learned to overcome the world by worshiping God with all he had.

When we worship God amidst the world, we are proclaiming love and order in the middle of fear and chaos. When we love others the same way Christ loved us, we are declaring victory over hatred. We do all this by faith in Jesus. That is our victory.

God is a victorious warrior. Only the victorious will freely worship and find rest in Him.

Challenge:

- Memorize John 16:33
- Worship God like a victorious warrior, because if you are in Christ - you are.

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Luke 19:1-10

1 John 5

Exodus 14:14

Exodus 15:3

Deut 1:30-31

Deut 3:21-22

Deut 20:3-4

John 16:33

Psalms 110

put this somewhere appropriate

We dont conquer the world, jesus did that. He invites us to join him in building a new one.

Day 1 Week 6 Ai

Jesus followers have three enemies: the world, the flesh, and the deceiver.

In our previous study, we learned how Joshua overcame Jericho - the world. This week we will read God's battle plan to overcome Ai - the flesh.

We cannot overcome the world by fighting. We overcome the world by loving as Jesus loved and by laying down our lives and worshiping God in faith. Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

The world is a difficult foe. It is a fortified wall around us. The flesh is even more dangerous because it is entrenched inside of us. As we gain victory over the foe outside, we begin to understand the enemy within. The battle at Ai shows us God's method for defeating the flesh.

Many Jesus followers rejoice at Jericho. They celebrate that the world is overcome, then they are defeated at Ai - they are frustrated by the flesh within.

Challenge:

- Memorize Romans 8:13
- What victories have you experienced over the world?
- Find an accountability partner and join each other on the battlefield through prayer.

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Read:

1 John 5:4

Josh 7:1-2

Romans 8:13

Psalm 17

Day2 The amelekites

The battle at Ai demonstrates God's method for defeating the flesh. The flesh doesn't stay defeated. It keeps coming back until God ultimately destroys it. Israel had an enemy like that – the Amalekites. They represent the flesh in the Old Testament.

God rescued His people from slavery, baptized them into the Law, and gave them food and water in the wilderness. Then Amalek attacked. Joshua overcame while Moses prayed for him.

Joshua's first battle wasn't against Jericho - the world. It was against Amalek – the flesh.

Challenge:

- Memorize Romans 8:13
- Describe a time when someone else's prayer helped you overcome.
- Find an accountability partner that will lift you up in prayer while you are on the battlefield.

Exodus 17:8-16

1 cor 10:1-13

Romans 8:13

Psalm 54

Day 3 Losing the Battle

We learn God's strength at Jericho. At Ai, we discover our weakness.

Israel, excited by their victory over Jericho, thought they could easily defeat Ai. They overestimated themselves, underestimated their enemy, and they assumed God was with them. When they were defeated, Joshua tore his clothes and cried out to God. How often do we charge into spiritual battle, high from a recent victory, only to be defeated by an enemy we thought we could handle?

How did we who have victory over the World, lose to something as weak as the flesh?

- We overestimate ourselves
- We underestimate our enemy
- We assume God is with us
- We use the wrong tactics
- We are blind to our inner weakness

This leads to ignorance and unrepentance of hidden sin.

We think we win because we are good warriors. We forget that God wins every battle. Scripture tells us that the flesh is weak.

Here is how Paul put it:

For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For I want to do the good, but I cannot do it. - Romans 7:18 NET

God expects His warriors to fight against the flesh, but it's a battle we can not win on our own.

Paul continues:

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? -Romans 7:24 NET

We cannot live the Christian life. God never asks us to. God wants to live it through us.

Challenge:

- Memorize Romans 8:13
- How does Paul's struggle in Romans 7 play out in your life?

Joshua 7:3-10

Romans 7:14-25

Matthew 26:41 Romans 8:13 Psalm 60

Day 4 Purification

Do you wonder why you keep losing to the flesh? Why you can't live a "good Christian" life?

Joshua had no idea why Israel lost to Ai. Did God abandon them? No! God told Joshua to deal with Israel's hidden sin.

Pet sins are hidden idols that cause us to lose the spiritual battles we should be winning.

Achan describes the method of sin as old as the Garden of Eden:

- He saw
- He coveted
- He took

A similar event took place in the early church when Ananias and Sapphira sought to hide their greed from the Holy Spirit, who quickly revealed and dealt with it.

We can not live the Christian life. We must let the Holy Spirit live it through us.

Hidden sin, like Achan's treasure, causes us to lose because God won't fight through us if we are holding on to the very thing He wants to destroy. We must pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal it so we can confess it to God and destroy it.

"For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live." - Romans 8:13

Challenge:

- Memorize Romans 8:13
- What deeds need to be put to death in your life?

Joshua 7:11-26

Acts 5:1-11

Romans 8:9-17

Psalm 19

Day 5 Winning the Battle

How do we defeat the flesh?

We follow God's method set out in Joshua Chapter 7:

- Pray
- Confess
- Destroy

**We pray that the Holy Spirit reveals our hidden sin to us.
We give God the glory, and we confess our sin.
By the Spirit, we put our sinful deeds to death.**

We are like a precious metal buried deep in the earth. God draws us out of the darkness and into the light. God baptizes us in the crucible of the Holy Spirit to reveal and draw out our hidden sin. We confess our dross and leave it behind in a continuous purification process.

Similarly, Joshua drew out the hidden warriors of Ai so that the city could be captured and defeated.

Challenge:

- Memorize Romans 8:13
- Describe a time when God drew out your impurity and you confessed it.

Joshua 8:1-17

Zechariah 4:6

Proverbs 25:4

Proverbs 27:21

1 Corinthians 3: 10-16

Galatians 5:13-24

Romans 8:13

Psalms 37

**“I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” - Exodus 17:14
NASB**

The Amalekites remained a thorn in Israel’s side. Over 300 years after the Promised Land conquest, God told Saul to utterly wipe out Agag and the rest of the Amalekites. Saul failed to do so. Over 500 years later, Haman the Agagite, a descendant of Agag an Amalekite, plotted to destroy the remnant of Israel.

Sinful flesh plays the long game.

Unlike Jericho, God tells His people to go out and fight Amalek. He promises that He will one day wipe out even the mention of Amalek. God promises His people permanent rest from Amalek, rest from the flesh. It hasn’t happened yet.

Challenge:

- Memorize Romans 8:13
- What does rest from the flesh look like in your life?

Deut 25:17-19

1 samuel 15

Esther 3:1-6

1 Peter 2 11-12

Hebrews 4:8

Romans 8:13

psalm 52

Day 7 What is your amelekites living in your land

We overcome the world by faith, we overcome the flesh by dealing with the sin in our lives. We confess our sin through communication with God. We do this through prayer.

“Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.”

- Martin Luther

This is an ongoing process. Joshua did not let up until Ai was utterly destroyed. Neither should we let up until that final day when God ultimately destroys the sin in our lives. Today, we will learn from Elisha what happens when we quit early.

As the Holy Spirit purifies our flesh by identifying our sin, we must specifically confess and turn from it immediately.

Sin creates wounds. Wounds must be exposed and cleansed so they can be healed.

Our enemy deceives us into hiding our wounds, but if we say we have no sin, then we are liars, and the truth is not in us. Even worse, hidden sin festers and grows into death.

There is no shame in going to the doctor for a broken arm. We should not be ashamed to go to God with our sinful wounds.

Confession to others exposes sin, confession to God purifies us.

We Confess. God Purifies.

Challenge:

- Memorize Romans 8:13
- What sin has the Holy Spirit identified in your life?
- Have you confessed it to God and turned from it?

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Read

Joshua 8:18-29 2nd Kings 13:15-19

Jeremiah 17:1-14 James 5:16

1 John 1:5-10 James 1:14-15

Romans 8:13 Psalm 32

Day 1 Week 7 Gibeonites

Joshua and the Israelites encountered Jericho, Ai, and the Gibeonites in the Promised Land. Warriors in God's army have three spiritual enemies: the world, the flesh, and the deceiver.

Jesus followers have three disciplines: worship, prayer, and Bible study. The book of Joshua shows us how worship overcomes Jericho - the World, and prayer overcomes the city of Ai - the flesh.

This week we will learn about Joshua's third enemy - the deceiving Gibeonites. The discipline of Bible study is our weapon against the deceitful lies of our enemy - satan.

The Word of God is our weapon against the counterfeit doctrines of the deceiver.

We are more than warriors when we sit at the table of God's Word in the presence of our enemies.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 23:5
- How important is Bible study to you?

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Joshua 9:1-5

Romans 16:17-20

1 tim 4:1-2

ephesians 6:12

Jude

Psalm 23:5

Psalm 101

“If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em.”

The Gibeonites heard that Joshua and Israel served a God who fights for them. While the other Canaanite kings formed an alliance to stand against the Israelite God who destroyed Jericho and Ai - the Gibeonites tried a different strategy.

The strategy of the deceiver is infiltration through deception.

The Gibeonites feared God, they heard what He did in Egypt, and they trembled. They believed God’s word that He would destroy the Canaanites and give the land to Israel. But they did not trust God.

Instead, the Gibeonites trusted in deception. Rather than hiding under the wings of God’s mercy, they chose to hide who they were and where they came from.

We have a similar enemy - a deceiver who believes, fears, and trembles before God - but he does not trust God. His motive is not self-preservation but self-exaltation at your destruction.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 23:5
- Describe a deception or lie that you think is serving or benefiting you.

Read

Josh 9:6-11

James 2:19

Psalm 23:5

psalm 11

Day3 the satan

Satan is the deceiver. He is a belly-crawling homeless father-of-lies who infiltrates creation through deception with one goal in mind: to destroy it and place himself above the throne of God.

His well-worn method is as old as sin: to deceive and accuse until he becomes a squatter in the hearts of men. From there, he poisons man's perception of God and His Image-Bearers.

The deceiver's offerings look good on the outside but turn out to be as stale as the Gibeonite bread.

And, just like Joshua - we are fooled by the deceiver when we don't seek and apply the revelation of God to our hearts.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 23:5
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal and destroy the deceptions you believe.

Gen 3:1-15

job 1:6-12

2nd Cor 4:3-4

1 Peter 5:6-11

Rev 12:7-12

Psalm 23:5

Psalm 55

Day 4 how was joshua deceived

High off their victory against Jericho and Ai, Joshua and the Israelites dedicated themselves to the revelation of God - they had barbeque filled with worship, prayer, and Bible study.

During that mountaintop experience, Israel met a tribe that did not belong. Confident in their victories and their renewed knowledge of God's law, they asked the Gibeonites who they were and where they came from.

They asked the right question to the wrong person.

They studied God's word but neglected His counsel.

Israel trusted in their head knowledge of God's law to help them identify the counterfeit instead of directly trusting in God.

- They traded a piece of inheritance for some crumbly bread.
- They exchanged the counsel of God for old wineskins.
- They swore peace to those set aside for destruction.

In our zeal to pursue the disciplines of worship, prayer, and bible study - we must not neglect our daily relationship with God.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 23:5
- When has your zeal for knowledge surpassed your love for God and His Image-Bearers

Joshua 8:30-35

Exodus 34:10-12

Joshua 9:12-15

Psalm 23:5

Psalm 15

Day 5 how are we deceived

The deceiver's language is lies. His currency is counterfeit. He is always looking for a sucker who will trade the spiritual riches of God for his physical rubbish.

Satan wants us to trade:

- The Bread of Life for moldy crumbs
- New wineskins for old and cracked counterfeits
- Robes of righteousness for worn-out rags
- A seat at the table for 30 pieces of silver
- Our birthright for a bowl of soup
- Freedom in Christ for slavery to sin

And when we do, we allow the deceiver to infiltrate our lives and squat where he does not belong.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 23:5
- What is the worst trade you have ever made?

Gen 25:29-34

John 8:44

Matthew 22:11-14

Romans 13:14

Luke 22:1-6

Matthew 26:14-16

Galatians 5:1

Hebrews 12:14-17

Psalm 23:5

Psalm 5

Day 6

The Word of God is our offensive weapon against the lies of satan.

By God's Word, we tear down the strongholds of the deceiver.

How can we avoid deception? How can we identify the counterfeit?

- By studying the real thing - the genuine revelation of God.
- By marinating our heart in the Word of God.
- By following the example of Jesus who used Scripture against the deceiver

When cultures and societies trade their morals and values for counterfeit, we turn to the Word of God - where real value is found.

Here are satanic deceptions vs. **teachings of the Bible**

- One group is superior to another vs. **Everyone is made in the image of God.**
- Power comes through force vs. **Real power comes through serving others.**
- Peace comes through violence vs. **True peace comes through love and sacrifice.**

The Bible offers unshakable moral guardrails for our lives. We are either governed by the Word of God, or we are locked in the stronghold of the deceiver. That is why daily Bible study is so important. Today's Scripture demonstrates how effective the Word of God is against the deceptions of satan.

Challenge:

- Memorize Psalm 23:5
- How has Bible Study discipline helped you on the Spiritual battlefield?

Matthew 4:1-11

ephesians 6:10-17

2 cor 10:3-5

Hebrews 4:8-16

Revelation 12:11

Psalm 23:5

Psalm 119:97-112

The deception of the enemy seeks to spoil our spiritual inheritance.

The Gibeonites tricked Joshua into making a covenant with them and breaking God's command. They traded the council of God for the counterfeit of the Gibeonites. When Israel found out, they decided to let the Gibeonites live as servants, even as servants in the tabernacle.

There are unintended consequences when we compromise on what God says is best. Making a treaty with the Gibeonites and letting them serve in the temple was not God's best plan for Israel. This compromise involved Israel in battles that weren't theirs, and it caused more issues in the future with David and Saul. Later, God had harsh words concerning counterfeit worship and foreigners serving in the temple. Zechariah ends with God's promise that "no Canaanite will be in His house.

As we study the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will reveal the deception squatting in our own lives. If we allow that deception to remain, it will not serve us, it will corrupt us. That corruption will spread to the good parts and threaten to shipwreck our faith and enslave us.

Warriors reject deception when they eat at the table God set before them in the presence of their enemies.

Challenge:

- Memorize Verse: Psalm 23:5
- How has deception spoiled your perception of God and His blessings?

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Joshua 9:16-27

Ezekiel 44:6-8

Zechariah 14:21

Joshua 10

2nd Sam 21:1-6

1 timothy 1:18-20

2nd cor 11:13-15

1 peter 2:16//Psalm 23:5 psalm 120

Day 1 Week 8 Inheritance - promised land divided – Ephesians 4,5

A promise worth fighting for.

Joshua and the Israelites were given a Promised Land inheritance. God gave it to them when He made a covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15. We also have a promised inheritance. It is spelled out in Ephesians 1.

God told Abraham, Moses, and Joshua to walk the land of their possession, that no one would be able to stand against them. The gift was theirs, given to them by God - but they needed to possess it. No Canaanite king could stand against Joshua.

The Promised land covers about 300,000 square miles. At its zenith, during Solomon's reign, Israel only occupied 10% of that.

This week we will explore the Spiritual inheritance we have in Jesus. A promise worth fighting for.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 1:3
- If God has blessed you with every spiritual blessing, how do you possess it?

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Gen 13:14-17

Gen 15:6-19

Ephesians 1:3-14

Deut 11:22-25

Joshua 1:2-3

Joshua 11

Psalms 28

Day 2 Joshua divides the land.

"You are old and advanced in years."

God promised Joshua that Israel would possess whatever he laid hold of. So Joshua went out and conquered. With the conquest of Jericho and Ai, he divided the land like a military tactician. All told, Joshua defeated thirty-one Canaanite kings (See Joshua 12 for a list of the defeated kings). Then Joshua heard what every warrior dreads to hear: "You are old and advanced in years, and the work is not finished."

God gave Israel the Promised Land, but Joshua did not claim it all. He looked forward to a future day when Israel would possess all God promised them. It hasn't happened yet.

God promises us every Spiritual blessing. We can seek them our entire lives and not lay hold of them all. We look forward to that Day when we possess everything God promised us. It hasn't happened yet.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 1:3
- What has God promised you that you can't possess without His help?
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Read

Joshua 13

Exodus 23:20-33

Nehemiah 9:15

Ephesians 1:3

Psalm 67

Day3 Ephesians 1 every spiritual blessing / Calebs request

How many Spiritual blessings lay dormant and ineffective in our lives because we don't trust God?

God gave the Promised Land to Abraham, He used Moses to free Joshua, Caleb, and the Israelites from slavery and bring them to its border. But the Israelite's lack of faith made that promise ineffective for them. The same generation who saw the terrible power of God in Egypt did not have the faith to lay hold of the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb led the next generation to claim what God promised Abraham.

When it was time to divide the Promised Land, Caleb did not hesitate to claim what God promised him - "the land which he entered" - Hebron, the land of the Anakim - the land of the giants.

We identify with Caleb, whose name means "whole-hearted faithful one." God promised his faithful ones a Spiritual inheritance, but we must wholeheartedly lay hold of it. We will not fully possess our blessing if we let the giants remain.

God promised Hebron to Caleb, but the land still needed to be conquered and claimed. Caleb did not earn his Promised Land, but he still had to work to possess it.

We can not earn our salvation, but we must work it out with fear and trembling if we are to enjoy it.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 1:3
- What giants are keeping you from resting in your spiritual inheritance?
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Read

Numbers 14:22-24

Joshua 14

Philipians 2:12-13

Ephesians 1:3-15

Psalm 90

Day4 Ephesians 4/ josh 15

Joshua's division of the land reads like a legal description which is boring unless it is your property being described. Your legal description becomes very important when someone trespasses on your land

Each one of these sections is a specific promise of God through Moses and Joshua to the tribes of Israel. These legal descriptions are the boundaries that Israel was to keep. We have our own boundaries where our spiritual promises reside:

Spiritual warriors:

- Walk with humility and gentleness
- Display patience, tolerance, and love
- Are renewed by the Spirit
- Put on the new self, created in righteousness and truth.
- Are angry without sinning
- Forgive as we are forgiven

When we operate outside of our Spiritual boundaries, we are trespassing on God's sovereign territory.

We are called, like the Israelites, to put out everything that does not bring glory to God. If we allow those things to remain in our territory, as the Israelites did, they will eventually lead us astray.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 1:3
- Do you tend to operate inside or outside of your Spiritual boundaries?
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Read

Josh 15

JOsh 16

Eph 4

Ephesians 1:3

Psalm 16

Day 5 Ephesians 5 josh 17 18

The Land is yours - Take it!

You have been blessed with a physical body. If you only do what is easy, you will not enjoy the full extent of that blessing. If you are slothful and gluttonous, you may even destroy that blessing.

Marriage is a blessing, but it is hard work to experience the full potential of that blessing. If you are married and you only do what is easy, you will spoil that blessing.

The Israelites were given the Promised Land. Unlike Caleb, some of them came to Joshua complaining because the easy parts were not enough for them. Instead of increasing the size of the easily attained Land, Joshua encouraged them to fight for what is theirs.

God's promised blessing requires our participation.

If we complain that God hasn't blessed us enough because we are only living in the easy Spiritual blessings - then we will do no better than the Israelites who only achieved 10% of their Promised Land potential.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 1:3
- What is the hardest blessing you have been given? How did you participate in it?

Read:

Josh 17

Josh 18:1-10

Ephesians 5

Ephesians 1:3

Psalm 47

Day 6 Ezekiel's legal description. When God finally destroys Israel's enemies and finally fulfills

Compare Joshua's division of the Land to Ezekiel's division.

- Joshua's division makes sense from man's perspective - Ezekiel's division makes sense from God's perspective.
- Joshua's division is the best man can accomplish - Ezekiel's map is a picture of the total and complete work of God.

God promised the Land to Israel, and He also promised them rest. He did this in spite of their rebellion. These are things only God can perfectly accomplish.

God calls us to abundant life in Jesus with every spiritual blessing, but Jesus did not come to make us better versions of ourselves as if there is some part of our rebellious nature that could be salvaged.

The work of Christ is to allow us to die to ourselves so that the Holy Spirit can live the Christian life through us.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 1:3
- How is the Holy Spirit living the Christian life through you?
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Josh 18:11-28

Josh 19

Josh 11:23

Heb 4:8-9

Ez 48:1-9

Galatians 2:17-21

Eph 1:3 Psalm 21

Day 7 What promises have you laid hold of, what's keeping you back

As Joshua divided up the land, he set aside cities for Levite priests and cities of refuge. Cities of refuge were places of safety for those awaiting judgment. They were strategically placed so that they were never more than a day's journey from anyone living in the land. As Jesus followers, Christ is our refuge, and we should never be more than a day from spending time with Him in worship, prayer, and Bible study.

Israelite priests, the Levites, had no Promised Land inheritance because they were redeemed by God, and He was their inheritance. We, who are also redeemed by God, should not look forward to an earthy or physical inheritance. Instead, we should rejoice in our Spiritual Blessings.

Challenge:

- Memorize Ephesians 1:3
- What promises or blessings are you resting in?
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Numbers 3:11-13

Josh 20

Josh 21

1 cor 15:50-58

Eph 1:3

Psalm 25

maybe find a place for 1 cor 50-57 flesh and blood can not inherit the kingdom. maybe last day?

Week 9 day 1

"The war is over - God has given your brothers rest" - Joshua.

Joshua ended the Canaanite campaign the way he began it - by gathering the Gilead tribes of Israel - the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. Before crossing into the Promised Land, those tribes asked Moses to let them settle for the Gilead side of the Jordan River, opposite of Canaan - outside of the Promised Land.

Moses granted the land to them on the condition that they march first into battle and fight alongside their brothers, the other tribes of Israel. They received their inheritance, yet they had work to do before they could enjoy it. They did not rest until God gave their brothers rest.

Jesus followers also have an inheritance, and the war is over. Jesus won every battle on the cross. Like Israel, we are called to fight for our brothers, our sons, our daughters, our wives, and our homes.

Promised Land rest was Israel's inheritance, Spiritual rest is the inheritance of God's warriors.

Paul described our inheritance in his letter to the Ephesians saying, "God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing."

This week we will answer three questions:

- What are these blessings?
- Can we earn them?
- How can we rest in or enjoy them?

The theme of Joshua echoed in chapter 22, verse 5 gives us a hint:

Love God and serve Him if you want to enjoy His blessings.

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- What blessings do you have that you aren't enjoying?
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Read:

Josh 1:12-18

Josh 22:1-9 Isaiah 63:11-14

Nehemiah 4:14, Psalm 133

Day 2 Eph 1 pt 1

What are our spiritual blessings? According to Ephesians chapter 1, Jesus followers are:

- Chosen before the foundation of the World (v.4)
- Made holy and blameless (v.4)
- Predestined for adoption (v.5)
- Loved and accepted in Jesus (v.6)
- Redeemed and forgiven by His blood (v.7)
- Given inexhaustible grace (v.7,8)

- Made to know the mystery of God's will (v.9)
- Given an eternal Inheritance (v.11)
- Hearing and believing the Word of Truth (v.13)
- Sealed with the Holy Spirit (v.13)

This is the individual inheritance and personal calling of Jesus followers. This is the land in which we are to walk, claim, develop, maintain, and find rest. It is not a physical inheritance like the Israelites had. It is a spiritual one. We know that we are planted in God's spiritual blessings when we produce spiritual fruit.

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- Where are you planted?
- What fruit is being produced in you?
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Ephesians 1:1-14

Galations 5:22-23

Josh 22:5

Psalm 104

Day 3 Eph 1 pt 2 Josh 22:7-9

“Your salvation requires you to turn back to Me and stop your silly efforts to save yourselves. Your strength will come from settling down in complete dependence on Me. The very thing you’ve been unwilling to do.”

-Isaiah 30:15 MSG

- Can we earn God's Spiritual blessing?
- Can we earn our inheritance?

- Can we earn our rest?

Scripture gives an emphatic NO!

That is the offense of the gospel. The good news is that the work is complete in Christ. There is nothing we can do to add to or take away from it. Men find this offensive because we are driven to accomplish and achieve. In Paul's day, some taught that circumcision was a requirement for salvation. They were trying to earn God's blessing without resting in Jesus.

A gospel that must be earned is a gospel that can not save.

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- In what ways are you trying to earn God's Spiritual blessing?

Read

Ephesians 1:15-23

Eph 2:1-10

Isaiah 30:15

galatians 5:11

1 corinthians 1:18

Josh 22:5

Psalm 22

Day 4 Altar Josh 22:10-

The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh asked to live on the Gilead side of the Jordan River, and God blessed them even though it was not His best for them. They were not abiding completely in the Promised Land.

Their decision to abide outside the Promised Land left them vulnerable to attack and fearful that their inheritance would be forgotten. That fear drove them to build a replica altar to be their witness instead of trusting God. This nearly caused a civil war.

We face unintended consequences when we settle outside of God's best. He will still bless us, and we can even serve Him, but we will not enjoy the full potential of His blessings unless we completely rest in Him.

Jesus followers face the same problems today when we try to enjoy God's blessing while living outside of our inheritance. Jesus calls us to abide in Him, to rest in Him.

How can we rest in and enjoy God's blessings? By abiding in Christ.

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- What does it mean to abide in Christ?
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Read

Numbers 32:1-5

Joshua 22:10-32

John 15:1-17

Josh 22:5

Psalm 56

Day 5 Hebrews 4

Rest is a central theme in the book of Joshua. God's purpose for the Promised Land campaign was to give Israel rest. Not necessarily rest from conflict, but rest from wandering.

God rested on the seventh day. Sabbath Days and Years adorn God's Law. He promised a future rest to Israel, and there remains a complete Sabbath rest for Jesus followers. Rest is important to God.

What is rest?

- Rest is not the absence of conflict.
- Rest is not something we earn.
- Rest does not wait for us to cross the river of death.
- Rest is not complete at the point of salvation.

We often compare crossing the Jordan with death and Promised Land rest with Heaven - but the Israelite Promised Land was full of conflict and giants. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan, it was to stop wandering, to claim God's promises for themselves, and to commit themselves to fight against God's enemies.

We are more than warriors when we stop wandering the wilderness of pride, start trusting in God, and fully abide in Christ to battle against our spiritual enemies. That is how we cross the Jordan and enjoy Promised Land rest.

Biblical rest begins as we stop wandering and rest in the complete work of Jesus.

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- Find rest in Jesus today.
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Read

Gen 2:2-3

Deut 12:8-10

Matt 11:25-30

Hebrews 3

Hebrews 4

Josh 22:5, psalm 95

Day 6 Eph 2

"When you know who you are - you will know what to do" - Craig Groeschel

When Joshua gave his farewell address, he reminded Israel who they were and what God did for them.

As Jesus followers enter rest, we need to be reminded that we had nothing to do with it. We forget that we were dead in our trespasses and sins - slaves filled with the spirit of disobedience.

It is God who makes us alive in Christ by the Holy Spirit to complete the inheritance of good works prepared for us in advance. The Holy Spirit works in us to present us as slaves of righteousness - living sacrifices pleasing and acceptable to God

God provides the inheritance, by His power we steward it.

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- Who are you in Christ?
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Read

Joshua 23:1-3

Ephesians 2:11-22

Romans 6:15-23

Romans 12

Josh 22:5

psalm 123

Day 7 Eph 3

After telling Israel who they were, Joshua told them what to do.

They were to cling only to God and steward their inheritance.

Spoiler: They failed, and their poor stewardship became a snare that drew them away from God.

We have a similar calling:

We are to abide in Christ and steward His blessings.

If we fail, those blessings will become snares that draw us away from freedom in Christ and put us back in the stronghold of slavery.

Jesus followers can never lose the foundation of Christ, the seal of the Holy Spirit, and our adoption into God's family. But if we, like the prodigal son, squander our inheritance in the pignen of slavery, one day we will return to our father empty-handed.

The Holy Spirit refines our works with fire. Will they be burnt away like chaff, or purified like gold?

Challenge:

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- Will your works to be purified or burned away?
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Read:

Joshua 23:4-16

Ephesians 3

1 peter 4:7-11

matthew 25:19-30

Luke 15:11-32

1 Cor 3:10-15

Matthew 3:10-12//Josh 22:5 psalm 61

Day 1 Joshua 24:1-18 Joshua recounts

Israel was born in Genesis, adopted in Exodus, trained in Numbers, cleansed in Leviticus, and instructed in Deuteronomy. In Joshua - Israel faced conflict and conquest.

- J. Vernon Mcgee

The book of Joshua completes the redemptive mission God began in Genesis - to set aside a people through which all the nations would be blessed. God rescued Israel from slavery, trained them in the wilderness, baptized them in the Jordan, circumcised their flesh, and gave them Promised Land rest.

God also completed His redemptive mission in Jesus followers. He delivered us from slavery, trained us in the wilderness, baptized us with His Spirit, circumcised our hearts, and promised us every Spiritual blessing. Just like Israel, here is nothing we can do to void God's redemptive work in the lives of His warriors.

We know who we are. We know what God has done for us.

We know what to do - We fight!

Challenge:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- What redemptive work has God accomplished in your life?

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Read

Gen 12:1-3

Joshua 24:1-18

romans 6:1-14

Colossians 3:12-17

1 corinthians 16:13-14

psalms 111

Day 2 Josh 24:19-28, Ephesians 4

"Without faith, it is impossible to please God" - Hebrews 11:6

Joshua spent over 80 years with Israel, first as a slave in Egypt, then as a warrior in the wilderness with Moses. He became more than a warrior and led the Promised Land campaign. He knew Israel was a fickle, stiff-necked people, and he knew they would not remain faithful to God on their own.

Like Israel, we are hard-headed warriors who find it impossible to serve God on our own. The purpose of God's law is to show us that we can't - we need a Savior.

Jesus didn't come to show us how to live - as if God and the Bible are in the self-help business. Jesus came so that we might die with Him - so that the Holy Spirit could live the Christian life in us and through us.

When we are crucified with Christ, the Holy Spirit raises us to new life and produces the fruit of love and unity in our lives.

This is our sevenfold unity:

- One Body
- One Spirit
- One Hope
- One Lord
- One Faith
- One Baptism
- One God

How is this unity achieved? Through the diversity of spiritual gifts.

Challenge:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- What are your Spiritual Gifts?
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read:

Joshua 24:19-28

Acts 7:44-53

Ephesians 4

Galatians 2:19-21

1 corinthians 16:13-14

psalms 106

Day 3 Ephesians 5

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, gave us a glimpse of what a life lived by the Holy Spirit seems like. From the outside, it looks like more impossible rules to follow. But on the inside, the Holy Spirit is working to accomplish obedience in and through us. These disciplines will become a part of us as we yield to Him. One day, by God's Spirit, obedience will seem as natural as breathing.

God's Warriors are:

- God Imitators

- Walking in Love
- Being purified
- Thankful
- Children of Light
- Learning what is pleasing to the Lord
- Exposing the shadow
- Walking as wise men
- Filled with the Spirit
- Subject to one another

The most exceptional fruit of the Holy Spirit is Love. The highest command is Love. When the Spirit produces in us the Love of Christ - we are fulfilling all the law, we are putting on Christ as the armor of Light.

Challenge:

- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- How is love your identifying protection?
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read

Matt 22:34-40

Ephesians 5:1-21

Romans 13:8-14

1 Cor 13

Gal 5:22-23

1 corinthians 16:13-14

Psalm 40

Day 4 Ephesians 5

“His love motivates her respect; her respect motivates his love.”

- Emerson Eggerichs

The real heart of a warrior is revealed in the home. How he loves his wife (even when that wife is hidden in the mystery of God’s plan) shows what kind of warrior he is.

That is why Paul prefaced the “Warrior’s Commission” section of his letter to the Ephesians with marriage.

God calls us to be His image-bearers. When two image-bearers are one in marriage, they are a reflection of the unity Christ has with His bride, the Church.

(The two in one unity of husband and wife is something only the 3 and 1 unity of father, son and holy spirit can accomplish)

Challenge:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- How does your present or future marriage reflect the nature of God?
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read

Matthew 19:4-6

1 Cor 6:17

Ephesians 5:22-33

1 corinthians 16:13-14

Psalm 45

Day 5 Ephesians 6

Warrior's Commission

A warrior's life does not start on the battlefield; it begins in the home. Our first boot camp is the nursery, where we learn to completely trust and rely on someone else for everything we need.

In these early years, we receive our first lessons and wounds. We often carry these for the rest of our lives.

Next, we learn to follow and to serve. As we mature, the Spirit teaches us to stop obeying man and to begin obeying God as we lead others to follow Jesus.

Each journey is unique, but each day we must:

- Put on God's armor
- Step onto the battlefield
- Worship God in a world of shifting morals
- Pray that the Spirit reveals our hidden impurities
- Choose God's Word over satan's pathetic deceptions.
- Take up our cross
- Follow Jesus

Challenge:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- How has your early training led to who you are today?
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read

ephesians 6:1-12

Pslam 139:14-16

Ephesians 2:10

Matthew 16:24-27

1 corinthians 16:13-14

psalm 46

Day 6 Josh 24:29-end Ephesians 6

“Joshua shows that a man of average ability may become a leader in the church. Joshua received his call not in flaming letters written across the sky, but from an older man who knew God and knew Joshua, and saw that he was fitted by God to be a leader.” - Author Unknown

Joshua was an ordinary man. A man just like you. A man who worshiped, prayed, and studied the word of God every day. A man who put on God’s armor and took up God’s sword. A man who served and led as if he was serving God.

We embrace God’s discipline to become more than warriors. God Blesses us with every spiritual blessing. Jesus promised to never leave or forsake us. His Spirit is our seal of adoption into His family.

It’s time to join Him in battle.

Are you ready?

Rak Chazak Amats

(Only be strong and courageous)

So others may live

“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I’m about to call each conqueror to dinner. I’m spreading a banquet of Tree-of-Life fruit, a supper plucked from God’s orchard.”

- Revelations 2:7 MSG

Challenge:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- Make a plan to start or continue meeting with fellow warriors.

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Joshua 24:29-33 ephesians 6:13-23

Revelations 2:7 Revelations 3:7-13

1 corinthians 16:13-14 psalms 107

We dont look to the scriptures for justification

We look to Jesus.

What do you look to for your justification

What do you base your justification on?

seek God's face more than His hands

note to self

sermon for this plan or for work the soil

Ephesians 1:10 or 20, verse life church 10/13/2019 Chris Hodges is like the repeating process of the crucible

As we know God better our hearts are refined which allows us to know our purpose which allows us to see our vision make a difference which allows us to know God better, but knowing is a two-way street not one-way just like it was said of me by a friend "you won't get to know Matt but Matt will get to know you" that's one way, this knowing is two-way. Depart I never knew you