

McDonald Bible Methodist

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Whole Bible Series

Sermon 6: Joshua

**SERMON NOTES**

**Following God into Victorious Conquest**

1. **Joshua is Commissioned** (1-5)

The commander of the Lord’s army did not fight for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but for God’s cause.

* + I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leave you or forsake you!
  + Be strong and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
  + Don’t turn from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with God’s powerful working yields victory!*

1. **God Conquests Canaan through Israel** (6-12)
2. God fights \_\_\_\_\_Israel in Jericho

Joshua makes a clear distinction between living inside and outside of God’s power and blessing.

1. Israel fights \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God in Ai
2. Israel fights \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God throughout Canaan
3. **Joshua Divvies Up the Promised Land** (13-22)

* God resolutely keeps His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

1. **Joshua Preaches: Choose to Serve the Lord!** (23-24)

* Choice was for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Requires removal of foreign gods and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to evil
* Involves intentional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of next generation

Principles for Raising Kids to Serve God

• Don’t legitimize the choice of hell • Remove dangerous lures

• Demonstrate strong commitment • Train them throughout life

• Demonstrate life of blessing • Stack the deck!

**Answers:** Never, **Courageous,** Law, **Israel,** for, **without,** alongside, **promises,** whole family, **lures,** training

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

Bible Study / Prayer

Read Joshua 1. Assuming this is representative of how God calls people to his work, how does inspire and challenge you? Come to the meeting with your observations.

Have a time of prayer, allowing people to contribute a prayer from Joshua 1, following the format: “God, I thank you that…”

1. Did God’s expectations of His leaders change from Moses to Joshua? How did God’s mission for His leader change from Moses to Joshua? What does that teach us about the local church?
2. What does the commander of the Lord’s army teach us about asking God to bless what we have decided to do? Practically, what does an intensely prayer-based ministry look like?
3. Review the “Principles for Raising Kids to Serve God.” How have you seen each of these successfully lived out in Christian families?
4. Why is it foolish to try to stay neutral in our children’s choice of whether to serve God? How would you articulate this to a parent who wanted to “leave it up to them”?
5. How do we remove foreign gods and dangerous lures today?