



Key Scripture:

Joshua 1:1–8 (ESV)

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²“Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸This 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 good success.

Joshua 3:5 (ESV)

⁵Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”

Romans 12:1 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Discussion Questions:

In Joshua 1:3-5, God gives Joshua a steadfast promise. **In a similar way has God promised anything to you in your life?**

Paul, in talking about our inheritance, said he was not referencing our eternal inheritance, which has already been settled, but instead talking about going on mission for Jesus. **How does going on this mission relate to an inheritance that we're able to step into?**

What biblical promises have been given to us if we go on mission for Jesus?

Paul said, *“Our inheritance is found in a place of going on mission.”* **What do you think he meant by that?**

Joshua, after receiving the promise and commissioning from God, could have decided not to step into it. **How does stepping forwards into the promises of God affect our fulfilment? How are we happier even though the journey is often harder?**

In Joshua 1:6-8, God instructs Joshua on how to be successful in the mission. **What in this instruction can we apply to our own walk? Is there anything different now that we live under the new covenant?**

Read Joshua 3:10-17. **What do these verses show about how we need to step into the promises of God? The people were led by the presence of God; how are we to do this in our own lives?**

God does a miraculous work by heaping up the water to let Israel pass over the Jordan. **Since we serve the same God, should we expect to see God work miraculously in what He has called us to do today? Have you ever seen God work miraculously?**

Why did Joshua tell the people to “consecrate themselves” in 3:5? How does Romans 12:1 show how we are supposed to consecrate ourselves today?

Paul said on Sunday that *“some of us need to get back up on the altar”*. **How do the words “living sacrifice” show the seriousness of his statement? What does it look like for us to be “living sacrifices” today?**