

Lessons from the life of Joshua

Leadership is a choice!

## Leadership is a choice, not a position.

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15 Then Moses spoke to the Lord, saying: 16 "Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,



17 who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."



18 And the Lord said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;





### YOU CAN BE A LEADER





26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of You were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.



### 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

### 28 God chose the lowly things

of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,



### 29 so that no one may boast before him



THE GOD WHO MADE YOU AND KNOWS YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE... EVEN YOU, BELIEVES THAT YOU CAN MATTER...
THAT YOU CAN BE A LEADER.



## SOME OF THE GREATEST PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE WERE PEOPLE THAT OTHERS WOULD HAVE TOTALLY DISCOUNTED



9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal (fully committed) to Him.



# IT IS NOT YOUR ABILITIES THAT GOD CARES ABOUT. IT IS YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BE COMMITTED TO JESUS THAT MATTERS...

### AND THAT IS A CHOICE





# YOUR PAST DOES NOT HAVE TO DEFINE YOUR FUTURE



### JOSHUA WAS JUST AN ORDINARY MAN WHO SERVED AN EXTRAORDINARY GOD



# IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR PAST WILL PREVENT YOU FROM BEING A LEADER AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE, THEN YOU ARE IN GOOD COMPANY.



### GOD CAN CHANGE YOU AND USE YOU REGARDLESS OF YOUR PAST



17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of



8 But **We all**, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are** being transformed into the same image from glory to glory...



## CHRISTIANITY IS NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE TODAY, BUT RATHER WHAT YOU CAN BE TOMORROW



Your past does not have to define your future



# THE PATH TO LEADERSHIP BEGINS WHERE YOU ARE...



5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.



### GOD DOES NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO CHANGE YOU.

THE PATH TO CHANGE BEGINS WITH TOTAL SURRENDER TO JESUS RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE... AND THEN HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH



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The path to leadership begins where you are



### LEADERSHIP IS A CHOICE



1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."



17 Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains,



18 and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many;



19 whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds;



20 whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.



21 So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath.



27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.



28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.



30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."



31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."



#### Just a thought...

#### GOD DOES NOT WANT YOU TO SPEND YOUR LIFE WITHOUT MEANING OR SIGNIFICANCE



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### CHOOSE TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE!



# 47 Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men?



#### 12 **Teach us to number our days**, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.



# 12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.



11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.



12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand



# 15 See then that you Walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,.



#### 16 **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.



# 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.



24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.





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