

Cornerstone Message Notes

"Courageous Conquest through Relentless Conflict" (Joshua 1-6)

"The Greatest Stories of the Bible" series - part 8

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

The story of Joshua is one that should inspire us to go for it for God.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Keep telling yourself the truth concerning God's call for you to be courageous.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

"You gotta do a check up from the neck up to take care of any stinking thinking." That's one of my all-time favorite one-liners from Zig Ziglar. It applies in so many ways concerning so many issues across the board. We need to monitor what we think so we don't think what we shouldn't be thinking. Of course the flip side of that is equally true ... and it's a big part of what this morning's message is all about.

If the stakes are high enough, just about anyone will do just about anything at just about any given time. How else does one explain why people will do such foolish, risky, difficult or courageous things?

When it comes to knowing, loving, serving & living for God, we must be willing to go anywhere & do anything. The stakes really are that high & the need really is that great. Will you join me in seeking God for the grace to live this kind of life?

What We Learn from Joshua's Conquest

1. We need to be **WILLING** to be the **NEXT PERSON UP**.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies those He calls.

Joshua 1:1-9ff

2. God **LEADS LEADERS** for **FOLLOWERS** to **FOLLOW**.

Like it or not, believe or not, embrace or not, it's how God leads His own.

Joshua 3 & 4 (especially 3:14-17)

3. God is **OVER EVERYTHING & EVERYONE** & there is □

NOTHING that can **STOP** His **POWER & ABILITY** to **SAVE**.

No matter what it looks like from our point of view, it's His point of view that matters.

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Making It Real Questions

- 1] Are you ready & willing to say "yes" to whatever God says whenever He says it?
- 2] Can you see God chooses & leads people who follow Him as they follow them?
- 3] Will you trust the Lord as you seek to rest in the midst of whatever the storm may be?

Action Step

Read Joshua 1-6. Make note of every step of faith & act of obedience. Joshua 5-6 (especially 5:13-6:27)