

A SERMON SERIES ABOUT THE BLESSINGS AND THE BATTLES



Joshua 1:1-9

- After Moses dies Joshua becomes the one called upon to lead the Israelites into the promised land
- The call to be strong and courageous was the most important attribute that was needed in his new role
- Do not be afraid
- Do not be discouraged
- God promises to be with Joshua as he was with Moses
- Joshua will not be forsaken
- God partners with humanity

Joshua 5:13-15

- Joshua was ready to do battle on behalf of the Israelites
- He saw the conflict as Israel vs Canaan
- But it was actually God vs evil
- God does not play favourites
- Whose side are you on angel? But the question is whether Israel was on the side of God!!
- Like Egypt, Canaan was warned of God's judgementthat's why people like Rahab put her trust in Yahweh

Joshua 6:1-3, 16; 7:3-4, 20-21

- The conquest begins-a tale of 2 cities Jericho and Ai
- Ridiculous battle plan with Jericho-march and sing
- The Lord handed Jericho to the Israelites
- They got arrogant and were unfaithful resulting in a humiliating loss to Ai, a small city
- They repented and recommitted and then went on to conquer and inhabit Canaan
- The "harem" that took place over the next decade has brought some consternation with a lot of people

Joshua 24:1-8, 13-21, 23-24, 31

- In the spirit of his mentor, Moses, he lays out some encouragement and warnings
- As for me and my household...
- Joshua's impact was felt for a long time
- He calls them to be wholehearted in their devotion and obedience
- He reminds them of God's power and ability to keep and fulfill His promises