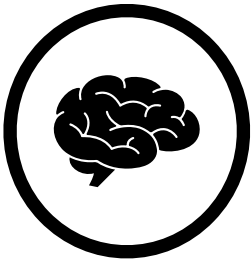


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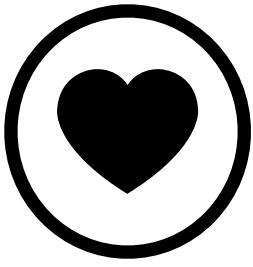
16th April 2023 | God and obedience | Joshua 1: 1 - 12



Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. List three things that you know about Joshua's life prior to the start of this book?
2. What do you think the mood of the camp is after the events of Deuteronomy?
3. List what God instructs Joshua to do?
4. How is Joshua to respond?
5. The command to be 'strong and courageous' is one that is repeated several times. What do you think is the significance of this?
6. What is Joshua to do in regards to the law (vs.7-9)? Why is this highlighted as of importance?
7. The Lord says that Joshua will be 'prosperous and successful' (vs.8). What do you think that would look like in practice?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Obedience is described as: the dutiful or submissive compliance to the commands of one in authority. Do you think this is a good description of Christian obedience? What would you add / take out?
2. Stu invited us to 'put ourselves in Joshua's shoes' when the Lord commissions him. What would you want to do in Joshua's place - obey or disobey?
3. Stu said that we 'always have a choice, whether to obey God or disobey'. Would you agree? Can you think of some examples of people who chose to obey / disobey God in Scripture or church history?
4. Stu connected the command 'be strong and courageous' to the keeping of God's law. Do you think this fits and that the close observance of God's law would require strength and courage?
5. Stu reiterated several times that 'our obedience matters'. Do you agree or would you say this is only in the big decisions of life?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu said our obedience: proves our love for God, demonstrates our faithfulness, glorifies God and opens the avenues for blessing. Make a note in a journal in the ways this is true, in the week that lies ahead.
2. Where do you need to say 'yes Lord' to be obedient?
3. Pray that the Lord would give you strength and courage to walk in His ways throughout this week.

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response