

Sermon Outline

WHO WILL LEAD US NEXT? | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Joshua 1:1-18

Jos 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD ...

- Deut 34:10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face

Ex 33:11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend

1. What God is going to do (vv2-5)

- we belong to a bigger and better story ...

Gen 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis	Exodus	Lev/Num/Deut	Joshua
God's promises to Abram (+ Isaac/Jacob/Joseph)	Moses leads Israel out of slavery in Egypt	40 years in the wilderness	Into the Promised Land

2. What Joshua is meant to do (vv6-11)

"Be strong and courageous" (v6, v7, v9; cf Deut 31:1-8)

- i. (v6) because God already swore to give the land to their ancestors
- ii. (v7) because God Himself will show them how to live
- iii. (v9) because God will be with them wherever they will go/whatever they face

- Deep Dive (730-9pm, Thu Sept 5) on "Holy War in the OT"

- Joshua is to live by God's PROMISES and according to God's WORD

3. What the Israelites say they will do (vv12-18)

- Numbers 32 (the Transjordanian tribes: the Reubenites, Gadites, half-tribe of Manasseh)

- "Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you ..." (v17)

So what, for us?

i. God's promises are trustworthy

- Joshua 23:6

- Be Like the Bereans (Acts 17:11)

- Ez 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. 20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

2 practical ways God's word is written on our hearts:

- i. ongoing meditation
- ii. intentional memorization

Jos 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

iii. Looking for a new Joshua for today

Mt 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus** [Gk. "Joshua" = "God saves"], because he will save his people from their sins"

For discussion: What strengthens your resolve to follow God's word? What reduces it?

Every Promise Fulfilled ...	
1:1-18	Who will lead us next?
2:1-24	It's never too late ...
3:1-5:12	One story ends (and another begins)
5:13-7:26	Joshua fought the battle of Jericho (but what happened next?)
8:1-35	The problem of Holy War in the Old Testament
9:1-12:24	Thinking theologically about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
13:1-22:34	"Rest on every side"
23:1-24:33	"Every promise has been fulfilled"