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The Book of Joshua

- The book of Joshua records the:
 - Entry into the Promised Land Chapters 1-5
 - Conquest of the Promised Land Chapter 6-12
 - Allotment of the Promised Land to the different tribes Chapters 13-22
 - Final works and death of Joshua Chapters 23-24

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Yahweh's message to Joshua after the death of Moses

- Informed Joshua of Moses' death
- Command to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land
- Assurances pertaining to the Land
 - I will give you every place you go to the extent of the wilderness to the south, the Lebanon to the north, the Euphrates River to the east and the Mediterranean Sea to the west. (Genesis 15:18; Exodus 23:31; Deuteronomy 11:24; 2 Samuel 8:3; 1 Kings 4:21-24)
 - No one will be able to stand against you.
 - I will be with you as I was with Moses.
 - I will not leave you or forsake you.

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Yahweh's message to Joshua after the death of Moses

- Be strong and courageous 1:6,7,9 (See Deuteronomy 31:6,7,23)
 - The only other instance of this phrase is King David's charge to his son Solomon in 1 Chronicles 22:13, 28:20 and Hezekiah's charge to the people in the face of a threat by Assyria recorded in 2 Chronicles 32:7.
- Be careful to give complete obedience to the Law.
- Saturate your life with the Law of God.

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Yahweh's message to Joshua after the death of Moses

- Obedience to the law will bring prosperity and success
 - Prosperity and success must be seen in the context of accomplishing the purposes laid out by God. It's not about our will but God's will.
- Let trust in God drive away all fear and dismay.

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Joshua's immediate response

- Ordered the officers of the people to prepare them to cross over the Jordan River in three days.
- Reminded the fighting men of the tribes of Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh of their obligation to enter the land even though they have received their allotment of land on the east side of the Jordan until the rest of the tribes had secured the land for their allotment.
 - Their faith in God is seen in leaving their families and livestock behind while all the men able to go to war went with the rest of the Israelites.
 - They echoed God's challenge to Joshua to be strong and courageous.

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Joshua's immediate response

- Secretly sent out two men to gather information about the land, especially the city of Jericho.
 - Rahab received and hid the two men
 - Misdirected those searching for them
 - Expressed her conviction that Yahweh, the God of the Israelites had given them the land
 - Related how the hearts of the people melted in fear when they heard of the crossing of the Red Sea and the defeat of the Amorite kings on the east side of the Jordan

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Joshua's immediate response

- Secretly sent out two men to gather information about the land, especially the city of Jericho.
 - Rahab received and hid the two men
 - Requested mercy on her and her family when the Israelites conquered Jericho
 - Even in the context of a people devoted to destruction by God, individuals can still come to Him in faith
 - She helped them escape and instructed them on how to evade detection and capture

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Joshua's immediate response

- Secretly sent out two men to gather information about the land, especially the city of Jericho.
 - The men instructed Rahab to display the scarlet rope used to lower them from her house when the Israelites attacked the city.
 - Assured her of the safety of her and her family if she did as they said and revealed nothing about them or their plans.
 - God in His grace and mercy will often provide assurances to us as we are about His work.
