



JOSHUA - THE PERSON GOD CAN USE

Names were important in Old Testament days and Joshua's parents had given him the name 'HOSHEA' which means 'SALVATION.' Under God's guidance, Moses changed his name to 'JE-HOSHEA' meaning 'GOD IS SALVATION.'

After many years of being Moses' servant, Joshua found himself in number one position – commissioned with the responsibility of leading the Israelites into the Promised Land.

1. What do we read of Joshua doing in the following bible passages – Exodus 17:9-13; 24:12-14; 33:7-11; Numbers 13:16-20?

2. *Numbers 14:6-9* How did Joshua show his faith in God in this story?

3. *Deuteronomy 31:7-8* Who did Moses tell the people would go with them into the Promised Land?

4. *Deuteronomy 31:24-27* What did Joshua see Moses doing?

5. *Exodus 3:16-17* What had God promised Moses?

Read Joshua 1:1-18

6. *Joshua 1:1-4* How did Joshua know it was time for him to take command?

7. *Joshua 1:5* What promises did God give Joshua?

8. *Joshua 1:6-7* How do you think Joshua would have felt at this time?

9. *Matthew 28:20* How do we know that God still keeps His promises today?

10. *Joshua 1:8* What did God tell Joshua to do that He always wants us to do?

11. *Joshua 1:9; John 8:29* How was it that both Jesus and Joshua were able to fulfil the tasks that God gave them? What did Jesus say He always did?

12. *Joshua 1:10-18* What were Joshua's instructions to the men of Reuben and Gad?

13. How did these men encourage their leader?

The End Bit!

Joshua must have felt so inadequate, following in Moses' footsteps – often we can feel the same when asked to take on a position of responsibility. The good news is – you're just the person God is looking for! When we feel inadequate, then that's when God can empower us and use us for His glory.

God told Joshua to be strong and courageous and that He would always be with him. Remember, 'God makes the plans, God gives the commands and God will win the victory.' Like Joshua, we must be fully surrendered to doing God's will, we must follow His guidance and through Jesus, He will give us the victory over sin and temptation!

Joshua's 'Bible' would have included only the first five books of Moses – how fortunate we are having the rest, especially the accounts of Jesus coming to the earth to die for our sins on the cross at Calvary – let's read the Bible each and every day and remember the privilege that is ours to have the Bible in our own language and to have the freedom to read it whenever we want without the fear of persecution.

A verse to challenge us

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."
Matthew 9:37b

Pray that God will use you for His glory!!