

# *He Got Us OUT to Get Us IN*

## A Study in Joshua

### PREPARING TO ENTER THE LAND OF PROMISE:

1. From Numbers 20:6-13 why was Moses not allowed to enter the promise land?
2. In this 'picture' explained for us in 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, how did God view Moses' sin of striking the rock? How does God view our sin (Ezekiel 6:9; Matthew 18:8)?
3. In addition to Moses' disobedience and not treating God as holy, what is the other reason God would not let him into the land of promise? What does Moses represent in God's redemptive plan (John 1:17; 7:19; Acts 13:36-39)?
4. What purpose does the Law have in our lives (Romans 3:20-21; Galatians 3:19-25)?
5. In light of questions 1-4, why did God reiterate to Joshua what he already knew (Joshua 1:2) that "Moses My servant is dead"? See also Romans 6:6-7, 11-14; 7:1-6
6. According to Romans 7:14-25 (Hebrews 10:1) what are the results of trying to earn God's acceptance and grace by what we do or don't do (keeping the law)?
7. In the first chapter of Joshua God is preparing Joshua to lead the nation of Israel into the "land of promise, the land of abundance and rest." According to Joshua 1:5 what does God want Joshua to know? Does that same promise apply to us (Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20b; Romans 8:1-4)?
8. Even though Joshua is an Old Testament 'picture' of Christ he is still very much a man. Five times God commands him to "be strong and courageous" (Deut. 31:7, 23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9). List the promises God makes to Joshua and the nation of Israel in verses 2b-9.

9. Now list reasons why Joshua might still be feeling inadequate and afraid? Can you relate?
10. In light of all the promises of God toward us and the many examples of men and women in the Bible that God took care of why do we still feel inadequate and afraid?
11. How did God tell Joshua to overcome his fear (1:7-8)?
12. Since we know fear is not from God (2 Timothy 1:7) do we overcome it any differently than Joshua did? See also Hebrews 4:11-16; 5:11-14.
13. Just as Moses represents the Law, Joshua is a 'picture' of Christ, both in name and in action (Hebrews 4:8). The name *Yeshua* represents Joshua's Hebrew name. This name means "Yahweh is salvation," and is also translated as "Jesus." In action Joshua is used by God to lead the nation of Israel to possess the land of promise (Joshua 1:6). Where does Jesus want to lead His followers according to John 10:10; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Ephesians 3:20?
14. Like the first generation of Israelites who never got to enter in and experience the land of promise, what often keeps us from experiencing the life God has prepared for us (Hebrews 4:2; Romans 4:20-21; 10:17; 2 Peter 1:4)?

**FAITH STEP:**

Write down the following:

- 1) As many words, phrases or thoughts as you can think of that describes who God is
- 2) Times, events, or circumstances where you have seen God work in your life
- 3) Promises in God's Word that you personally need to "hold on to"