



Part 7: Marching Orders

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The Marching Orders of Joshua, Son of Nun

1. Joshua was willing to walk against public opinion.

Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them." – *Numbers 14:6-9*

Application Question: Do I have the strength to walk alone?

2. Joshua was willing to walk into unfamiliar territory.

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses." – *Joshua 1:1-3*

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

– *Joshua 1:9*

Application Question: Do I have the courage to take unknown territory?

3. Joshua was willing to have a relationship with "messy" people.

Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. – *Joshua 2:1*

Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her." – *Joshua 6:22*

Application Question: Have I engaged with the mission of Jesus to touch "tax collectors and sinners"?

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4. Joshua trusted the instructions of God implicitly.

"March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." – *Joshua 6:3-5*

Application Question: Am I willing to go the distance in being obedient?

5. Joshua was willing to confront sin head-on.

Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me." Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel."
– *Joshua 7:19-20a*

Application Question: Do I confront sin with truth and grace?

6. Joshua finished well.

After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the LORD had done for Israel. – *Joshua 24:29-31*

Application Question: What will be my legacy?

On Your Way Home

Do you always drive home the same way? Why? Why not try something new and drive a different route? I dare you!

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) Have you ever conquered a fear? How did you overcome it?
- 2) What is some "new territory" you are attempting to take or reclaim in your life right now?
- 3) Read Joshua 1:6. What does that verse mean to you at this particular moment of your life?
- 4) Joshua was willing to have a relationship with messy people (Rahab). How do you know when you have crossed the line from being an influencer to being influenced?
- 5) Would you have done what God asked Joshua to do in order to take Jericho? What would keep you from following God's instructions?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?