INTRO TO JOSHUA:

Joshua was chosen by God to lead the Israelites to take possession of the promised land, Canaan. Joshua was both a military leader and one who had great faith in God. In the book of Joshua you will see his obedience and trust in the Father because of his belief in God's promises.

BIBLE READING PLAN

WEEK 01

DAY 1: JOSHUA 1:1-9

God calls Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan to take possession of the land. As God commissions Joshua, God reminds him that he promised this land to his ancestors and He will be faithful in keeping his promises. God also encourages Joshua in his call to be "strong and courageous" three times in the text. And twice God says that He is always with Joshua.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 1:1-9

Read with a heart ready to hear from God. Feel free to *star*, underline, and *mark up* your Bible.

EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

What ideas caught your attention? What does this passage reveal about The Father, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage to you and make notes below.

APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How should you respond to this passage? How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to solidify the meaning of this passage, to change your life and your heart based on the learning you've had from spending this time in God's Word.

DAY 2: JOSHUA 1:10-18

Joshua speaks to the Israelites, reminding them of God's promise to their ancestors. That there is Promise Land where there will be rest and it will be given to them.As though God was calling the Israelites home—they get the fruit of Abraham to Moses—who had deep faith and obedience in a promise they wouldn't live to see. After Joshua prepares the Israelites the Israelites then encourage Joshua in leadership. They say to him for a 4th time in one chapter to be strong and courageous. Both the Israelites have been called and encouraged just as Joshua has been called and encouraged by both God and the Israelites.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 1:10-18

Read with a **heart** ready to hear from God. Feel free to mark *up* **your Bible**.

EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

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APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to to shape your life and your heart.

DAY 3: JOSHUA 2: 1-14

Rahab's faith saves her and her family. She has limited knowledge of God, but she believes what she has heard, and acts in faith to hide the spies. Rahab teaches us that we don't need to know everything to be saved and to act in faith. She showed more faith than the ten spies exhibited 40 years before when they were sent to spy the land and gave a fear based, faithless report that resulted in the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 2:1-14

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DAY 4: JOSHUA 2:15-24

Rahab and the spies make a covenant, an agreement. Biblical covenants often include a token to remember what has been promised, for example the rainbow God gave as a sign of His covenant with Noah. The scarlet rope is a token of their covenant. It's important to remember: Rahab (and all believers) are saved by faith, not by covenant tokens. This time when the spies return, they give a faithful and hope-filled report.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 2:15-24

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DAY 5: JOSHUA 3:1-13

The word "Ark" appears frequently in this chapter, symbolizing the "throne of God." It serves as a source of encouragement for the Israelites, reminding them that God is leading them and will always make a way. In response, they trusted Him and followed their leader, Joshua, even when he asked them to cross a raging river. Just as with the Israelites, God saves us not to leave us where we're at, but to move us forward in faith toward our inheritance in Jesus.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 3:1-13

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RESOURCES

ENDURING WORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

The Enduring Word is a free commentary that takes you verse-by-verse through the bible and provides insights, explanations, and helpful quotes from theologians and teachers in every passage of scripture.

enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/

ESV STUDY BIBLE

A good study bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find an ESV Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

THE BIBLE PROJECT

The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/

AUDIO BIBLES

The two very best audio bible apps in existence are **Dwell** and **Streetlights**. Dwell has many different translations along with various voices all packed into a beautifully designed app. Streetlights is the NLT translation read by spoken word artists with music tracks added—it's absolutely brilliantly executed.

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THE BOOK OF JOSHUA