



OLD TESTAMENT • HISTORY

Joshua

Promise, courage, and covenant responsibility

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous; traditionally associated with Joshua

DATE & CONTEXT · Events set in Israel's settlement of Canaan; compilation debated

The big picture

Joshua leads Israel across the Jordan and into Canaan. The narrative describes conquest, the division of land, and the continuing need for covenant faithfulness. Difficult accounts of warfare belong to the book's ancient setting and deserve careful reading rather than simple imitation. Joshua's final address turns the focus from military victories to a lasting choice: whom will the people serve?

Words to carry

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:15 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Identify a faithful responsibility that calls for courage rather than comfort.

02 Read a difficult passage alongside its historical and literary context.

03 Choose one household practice that reflects your commitment to God.

Pause & reflect

What does serving God look like in my actual decisions this week?

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