

God's Chosen Leaders

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Joshua 1:1-9

A plan for success

A promise of success

Joshua 21:43-45, 24:31

Joshua led Israel to success!

Be Courageous

- **To embrace responsibility**
 - God promised to be with him – Joshua 1:5, 9
 - Leadership means responsibility!
 - “Be strong and courageous” – Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18

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- **To follow God's instructions**
 - Against Jericho – Joshua 5:13-15, 6:1-5
 - Even when they seem counter-intuitive, are unpopular, or open you up to ridicule

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- **To face bigger opponents than you**
 - An army as numerous as sand – Joshua 11:4-6
 - Satan attacks churches with persecution, worldly influences, or complacency – Revelation 2-3

Be Careful

- **To obey God's word personally**
 - Leaders lead themselves first – Joshua 1:7-8
 - Leaders' lives are examples – 1 Timothy 4:12, 1 Peter 5:3

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- **To confront sin directly**
 - Joshua addressed Achan's sin – Joshua 7
 - Shepherds must confront error – Titus 1:9-11

Be Careful

- **To make God-honoring decisions**
 - Joshua failed to consult God – Joshua 9:14-15
 - Shepherd have God's Word, prayer, and others to help guide their decisions

Joshua 24:31

Joshua's faithful leadership
Israel's faithful following

Ephesians 4:16

...the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.