

“We make war that we may live in peace.” - Aristotle

**Writer** - Joshua

**Receiver** - Israel

**Reason** - the book of Joshua is a divine call to courage by seeing God’s faithfulness as He grows His kingdom through His people.

The Kingdom of God is the reign of Christ the King in the lives of His kingdom people which grows extensively (broader) and intensively (deeper). - Randy Pope

Courage from within leads to fear.

Courage from above leads to faith.

Book of Joshua Outline

- I. Prologue - calling of Joshua (ch 1)
- II. Entering the land (ch 2-5)
- III. Taking the land (ch 6-12)
- IV. Dividing the land (ch 13-21)
- V. Epilogue - farewell of Joshua (ch 22-24)

**God’s people do not need more leaders.**

**God’s people do need more leaders worth following.**

Joshua 1:10-19

- I. Prepare for battle - Encouragement for the officers (10-11)

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:13 ESV

- II. Remember the command - Encouragement for a few tribes (12-15)

Unity doesn't happen passively. We get and maintain unity actively.

Link to *Fighting for Unity: 12 Practices that Lead to Family (and Church) Harmony*

<https://www.thedisciplinemakingparent.com/fighting-for-unity-12-practices-that-lead-to-family-and-church-harmony/>

A Few examples:

1. Pray for unity
2. Forebear in small matters
3. Resolve to be a peacemaker, not a gossip
4. Resolve to submit to mistakes on unimportant matters

III. We will obey - Encouragement from the officers (16-19)

For each sermon in this series ask yourself these three questions:

1. Is there a command for me to obey?
2. Is there an example for me to follow?
3. Is there a principle for me to apply?