

“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.

“In general, Joshua was written to provide an interpretive history of one slice of Israel’s life as a people. More specifically, it interprets the period in which Israel entered and settled in the land promised to Abraham and his descendants. Again and again it shows God to be in control of the events of history, not only in dramatic miracles but also in the consistent way he is given credit for *all* of Israel’s victories. God’s activity in all of this was in order that he might give to Israel the land he had promised to Abraham and his descendants. Thus, the major purpose of the Book of Joshua is to describe God’s giving of the promised land of Canaan to his people Israel.” -David M Howard

Moses is a picture of the law (the law could not get the people into the promised land)

Joshua is a picture of the savior (only the savior can get people into the promised land)

### **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)

**Courage from within leads to fear.**

**Courage from above leads to faith.**

Joshua 1:1-9

- I. Encouragement from God’s Commission (vs 1-2)
- II. Encouragement from God’s Promises (vs 3-6)
- III. Encouragement from God’s Word (vs 7-8)
- IV. Encouragement from God’s Command (vs 9)

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?