

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

# TAKING NEW GROUND

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<sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup>"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup>Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

Joshua 1:1-15



<sup>5</sup>No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Joshua 1:1-15



<sup>8</sup>Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” <sup>10</sup>So Joshua ordered the officers of the people:  
Joshua 1:1-15



<sup>11</sup>“Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.’” <sup>12</sup>But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, <sup>13</sup>“Remember the command that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you after he said, ‘The Lord your God will give you rest by giving you this land.’”

Joshua 1:1-15



<sup>14</sup>Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, ready for battle, must cross over ahead of your fellow Israelites. You are to help them <sup>15</sup>until the Lord gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land the Lord your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

Joshua 1:1-15




A sepia-toned photograph of a mountain range, likely the Rocky Mountains, with the text 'BE STRONG' overlaid in a serif font. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The sky is a uniform light brown color.

# BE STRONG

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When God challenges us to be strong,  
He also shows us how.

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# Accept the Fantastic

<sup>2</sup>“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.  
Joshua 1:2-6



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<sup>3</sup>**I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.** <sup>4</sup>Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates —all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

Joshua 1:2-6



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<sup>5</sup>No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them."

Joshua 1:2-6





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God's promises are always bigger than we are.

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A sepia-toned photograph of a mountain range, likely the Rocky Mountains, with several peaks visible in the distance. The image has a warm, brownish-orange tint. The text 'Taking new ground is one of our stewardships.' is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font.

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The background of the slide is a sepia-toned photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, a steep, rocky mountain slope descends from the left. Beyond it, a series of rolling mountain ridges and valleys stretch towards the horizon. The sky is a uniform, light brown color, suggesting a hazy or overcast day. The overall tone is warm and atmospheric.

**The Bottom Line Is:**

Don't be afraid. Believe!

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# Meditate So You Won't Deviate

<sup>7</sup>“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Joshua 1:7-8



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**meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be  
careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be  
prosperous and successful."

Joshua 1:7-8



A sepia-toned photograph of a mountain range, with the peaks and ridges receding into the distance. The image has a warm, brownish-orange hue. Overlaid on the center of the image is a quote in white text.

If it's *really* in **us**, then  
it'll *really* come out of **us**.

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# Do the Pragmatic

<sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

<sup>10</sup>So Joshua ordered the officers of the people:

Joshua 1:9-11



# Do the Pragmatic

<sup>11</sup>“Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘**Get your provisions ready.** Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.’”

Joshua 1:9-11



A sepia-toned photograph of a mountain range, with the peaks and ridges receding into the distance. The image has a warm, brownish-orange hue. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "Overcome fear and stagnation by practical action!" in a white, serif font.

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# Remember Possession Is Plural

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Joshua 1:14-15



# Remember Possession Is Plural

**You are to help them <sup>15</sup>until the Lord gives them rest**, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land the Lord your God is giving them.

Joshua 1:14-15




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After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

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Part of taking new ground in this coming year is  
widening our hearts toward God's Kingdom and  
His people.