

JOSHUA 1:1-2

- WHEN YOU NEED DIRECTION, WHERE DO YOU TURN?
- WHY ARE WE IN THE 21ST CENTURY, TURNING TO THE STORY OF A MAN WHO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR 3,300 YEARS?

- BECAUSE IT IS GOD'S WORD & WE ARE SCRIPTURE ADDICTS
- BECAUSE WE ARE AIMLESS & DOOMED TO WANDER IF LEFT TO OURSELVES
- BECAUSE WE HAVE FAITH IN GOD, THE AUTHOR, NOT IN JOSHUA, THE ACTOR

- WHERE HAS JOSHUA BEEN?
- 1. BORN A SLAVE IN EGYPT...
 - JUST ENOUGH TO SURVIVE
 - ABUSIVE WORKING CONDITIONS
 - LIFE WAS NOT HIS OWN
 - WE KNOW THIS PLACE!

- 2. DELIVERED FROM SLAVERY AND DEATH
 - SAW GOD'S WORKS IN PLAGUES
 - I CHRON. 7:27 ~ JOSHUA WAS THE FIRST BORN; HIS LIFE WAS AT STAKE THE NIGHT OF PASSOVER!
 - HE SAW GOD'S HAND WORK IN HIS OWN DELIVERANCE & <u>NEVER FORGOT</u>...HAVE YOU?
 - EXPERIENCED DELIVERANCE?
 - FORGOTTEN?

- 3. WANDERED IN THE WILDERNESS
- GOD PROMISED A LAND OF RICHES & REST
- BASED ON A FAITHLESS, FEARFUL, FAILING REPORT, ISRAEL DIDN'T ENTER CANAAN
- DISOBEDIENT AT THEIR POINT OF CRISIS
- DISOBEDIENCE BROUGHT SUFFERING, DEATH & JUDGEMENT <u>WITH</u> GOD'S PROVISION IN WATER, FOOD, HIS PRESENCE AND THE LAW
- WE KNOW THIS PLACE TOO!

- ALL OF THIS BRINGS US TO JOSHUA 1:1-2
- ¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel." -ESV

- WE'VE SEEN WHERE HE'S BEEN, BUT WHO IS HE & WHAT KIND OF MAN IS HE?
- HE'S AT LEAST 60 YEARS OLD HERE
- HE HAS A STORY WITH GOD
- Exodus 24:13 ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.
- Exodus 33:9, 11 ⁹When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. ¹¹Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent. -ESV

- HE'S GOD'S CHOSEN MAN; WHY?
- IN ORDER TO BECOME GOD'S CHOSEN MAN FOR THIS HOUR, JOSHUA NEEDED:
 - TO KNOW GOD'S LAWS
 - TO KNOW GOD
 - TO BE A JEALOUS WORSHIPER OF GOD

- JOSHUA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A NATURAL AND BOLD LEADER...
- GOD WANTED ALL OF THAT, AND HE WANTED ALL OF THE NEW JOSHUA THAT HE WAS MAKING!

- GOD DOESN'T WANT LEADERSHIP WITHOUT HUMILITY
- GOD DOESN'T WANT A WARRIOR WHO'S NOT A WORSHIPER
- GOD DOESN'T WANT A MAN OF ACTION WHO ISN'T PRIMARILY JEALOUS FOR GOD

- JOSHUA'S STORY REVOLVES AROUND TWO MAIN THEMES:
- 1. JOSHUA LIVING IN THE FULL EXPRESSION OF WHO GOD HAS MADE HIM TO BE
 - GOD DID SOME THINGS IN JOSHUA'S LIFE...
 - JOSHUA HAS BENT HIS WILL & SUBMITTED HIS DESIRES TO GOD'S WORKS & HAS COURAGEOUSLY OBEYED SO THAT HE COULD PERSONALLY ENTER INTO GOD'S REST

- 2. ISRAEL EXPERIENCING GOD'S REST
 - GOD HAS DONE SOME THINGS IN ISRAEL'S STORY...
 - ISRAEL IS FINALLY STEPPING INTO THAT WITH ENERGY & FULL COMMITMENT
 - WILL WE? WILL THE SANCTUARY?

- THIS IS WHY WE LOOK AT JOSHUA!
- THROUGH EVERYTHING GOD HAD GIVEN HIM, INCLUDING & BECAUSE OF THE WILDERNESS & THE DEATH OF MOSES, JOSHUA EMBRACED GOD'S WORK IN HIM & LIVED IT FULLY!
- WE SHOULD EMULATE HIM & SET OUR HEARTS TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN OBEDIENCE & LEADERSHIP

- DON'T BE JEALOUS OF JOSHUA!
- HE'S B.C.!
- COMMIT TO BEING GOD'S PERSON IN LIGHT OF THE CROSS!

Philippians 3:7-11 (New International Version) 7But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, "and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11 (The Message) 7-9The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn't want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—God's righteousness. 10-11 gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself. If there was any way to get in on the resurrection from the dead, I wanted to do it.

- ARE YOU STUCK IN SLAVERY?
- HAVE YOU BEEN DELIVERED BUT YOU'RE WANDERING INSTEAD OF CONQUERING?
- ARE YOU BEING UNFAITHFUL & REBELLIOUS IN YOUR WILDERNESS?
- ARE YOU PASSIONATELY PURSUING GOD'S WORK TO MAKE YOU THE PERSON HE WANTS?
- ARE YOU READY FOR GOD'S REST DESPERATE FOR IT?



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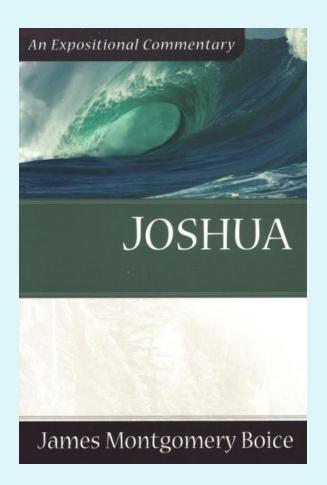
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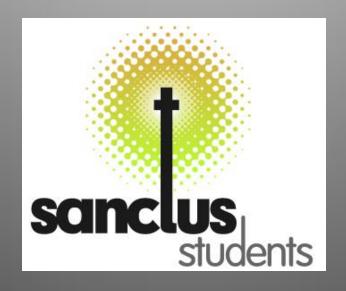
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