

## What Made Joshua A Great Leader?

Joshua 24:29-31

## God Did Great Things

- Parting the waters of the Jordan river. Joshua 3
- The fall of Jericho. Joshua 6
- The sun and the moon stood still. Joshua 10
- God's confidence in Joshua. Deuteronomy 3:28; Deuteronomy 31:14, 23; Deuteronomy 34; Joshua 1:1-9

## Joshua Was A Man Of Humility

- Before he was a leader, he was willing to serve.
  - Moses' minister. Joshua 1:1; cf. Exodus 24:13; 33:11
- After he became a leader, he was willing to serve.
  - Though magnified by God (Joshua 3:7; 4:14), he was still willing to consider himself a servant.
  - Authority did not go to his head. cf. 2 Chronicles 26:16; cf. Daniel 5:20
  - Humility in service. Proverbs 27:2

## Joshua Was A Man Of Faith And Trust In God

- Demonstrated when he was sent to spy out the land. Numbers 13:25-28; 14:6-9
- Demonstrated in the fall of Jericho. Joshua 6:1-5, 20; cf. Hebrews 11:30
- Demonstrated in his intolerance of sin. Joshua 7

## Joshua Was A Man Of God's Word

- His success was directly related to his attention to God's word.
  - To ensure success, he had to fulfill the law as given by Moses. Joshua 1:7
  - He was to meditate upon the Law day and night. Joshua 1:8
    - Note: Psalms 119:15, 23, 27, 48, 78

## Joshua Was A Man Of God's Word

- Time and again, Joshua was true to God's word.
  - In reminding the tribes of Ruben and Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh to remember the words of Moses. Joshua 1:12-15; cf. Deuteronomy 3:18ff
  - Joshua carried out all that Jehovah had commanded Moses. Joshua 11:15, 23; Deuteronomy 31:7
  - At the end of his life he encouraged the faithfulness of the people. Joshua 23:6, 14-16; cf. Joshua 1:8

### Joshua Was A Man Of Prayer

- Prayed for the people in their failures. Joshua 7:6-9
- Prayed in the midst of war. Joshua 10:12-14

### Joshua Was A Man Who Put God First

- Before others.
  - “As for me and my house...” Joshua 24:14-15
  - People affirmed their allegiance to God. Joshua 24:16
    - cf. Judges 2:10

### Conclusion:

#### Lessons for us:

- God blesses those who are faithful.
- Obedient faith is saving faith.
- God’s leaders trust in the Lord.
- The victory of faith.