Joshua 1-2

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INTRODUCTION

- To show how God fulfilled this promise to give the land of Canaan to the nation of Israel.
- God is faithful to his promises. If he says he's going to do something, he does it. It may not be in our lifetimes, but it's going to happen, and we have to have that faith.

1 Not Because of Your Righteousness

Deuteronomy 9:1–7

- Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the Lord your God.
- Know therefore that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness. For you are a stubborn people.
- We need to look in the mirror and shake our heads at ourselves and say, Can you believe what I did?
- We need to be careful about things like that and think that God is on our side all the time because we're so good and everybody else is so bad.

2 A Point Where God's Patience Wears Out

- We'll see the evidence that there does reach a point where God's patience wears out.
- Is he merciful to us? Is he patient with us? Yes, he is, but he can reach a point with us just like he did with them.
- There's a difference between your child being disobedient and being a disobedient child.
- God was more than patient, and then his patience was exhausted, and we just gotta remember that about ourselves.

3 Just as Susceptible to Turning to Other Gods

- We're just as susceptible to turning to other gods today as the children of Israel did.
- Our gods today, for the most part, is just the materialism that consumes us.
- We sit in these pews and we pray and we sing, and we may even study our Bible, but we've left God for other lives.
- We leave God for other gods for other things. We'll be held accountable.

4 Be Strong and Courageous

Joshua 1:1–9

- How could a loosely organized confederacy invade and conquer the land of Canaan, which was settled by a people with a superior army and defended by a wall of cities?
- God didn't just give it to them. God didn't just wipe the people out. They were involved.

- Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
- What is the key to God being with them? Obedient. Following the law. Following what he said to do.

5 Why Jericho? Why Do They Need Reconnaissance?

- It's a strong city, and it's kind of right there in their way to get to where they're going.
- Why do they need reconnaissance? If God's promised them the land.
- They're making an effort, they're trying to follow what God is expecting them to do.
- They get some information that I think helps their faith as well.

6 Who Was Rahab?

Joshua 2:2–7

- She had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax.
- I think they were there because it was the place to go to be noticed the least and possibly harvest vital information about the city.
- She can have faith in God, but not understand his law.
- When she learns that, her faith will cause an alteration in her behavior.

MY NOTES