

[I am] confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus ...



...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.





Joshua 1



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... Get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give them - to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses ... As I was with Moses, I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.



Abraham

Joshua



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Joshua: 68-78 years old







For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken about another day ... Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest ...

[Hebrews 4:8-10]



"Hoshea"

["Salvation"]



"Hoshea" > "Jehoshua"

["Salvation"]

[Yahweh is Salvation]



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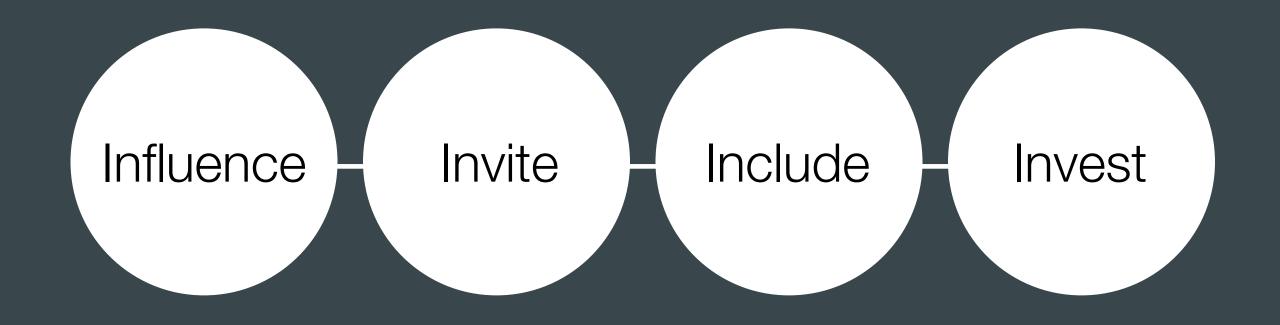
[Genesis 50:19,20]



"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

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- Led Israel in first battle!



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 - Develops a longing for God



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- One of only two alive who have been in the land

Our common question:

"What is God trying to tell me?"



A better question:

"What is God doing in me?"



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"What is God doing in me?"
"How might God be
developing me?"



Ongoing



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Common Development Processes:

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- 5. <u>Destiny Insight</u>: Special clarity and insight into God's plan



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- 5. Isolation: Feeling left alone ... to go deeper with God





Am I focusing too much on God's plan for me, and not me for God's plan?

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What is God inviting you to see as a "development opportunity?"

