

# JOSHUA



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who's at work with you*

*[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.*



Philippians 2:12,13

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# Joshua 1



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**1**



Are you ready for 'next man up?'

*... 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.*



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Abraham

Joshua



-750



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Joshua: 68-78 years old



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# Why is this book called “Joshua?”



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“Joshua” = “Jesus”  
[Hebrew] [Greek]



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*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]



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## “Hoshea”

[“Salvation”]



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“Jehoshua”

[“Salvation”]

[Yahweh is Salvation]



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*“Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good ...*

[Genesis 50:19,20]



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*“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.”*

[Genesis 50:19,20]



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Influence

Invite

Include

Invest



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God is always preparing  
me for what's next

2



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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



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Our common question:

*“What is God trying to tell me?”*



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A better question:

*“What is God doing in me?”*



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# A better question:

*“What is God doing in me?”*

*“How might God be  
developing me?”*



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2. Word Check: Tests working knowledge of God's word; capacity & commitment to apply God's truth to my situation



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5. Destiny Insight: Special clarity and insight into God's plan



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3. Conflict & Change: Help us re-adjust



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# Common Development Processes:

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- 4. Backlash: Significant reaction to a good decision – opportunity to “re-evaluate” approach
- 5. Isolation: Feeling left alone ... to go deeper with God



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**1**

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

**2**

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



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