

Handout #15: Joshua Warriors

Arise!

INTRO

God wishes that none should perish. He also wishes that none should suffer needlessly. We are in a war of epic proportions. It is a spiritual war of epic proportions. It is a physical war of epic proportions. We are only at the beginning of it. The worst of the storm has not yet arrived. God's love and mercy for us is to equip us to be as strong, fearless and unwavering as possible, so that we may serve as an anchor, a beacon and strength for others in our communities, families and the Body of Christ.

This is not to alarm or scare you, but to provide inspiration, support and tools so that you will be a strong, unwavering warrior; so that you will not be manipulated by the fear and psy-ops being poured out through the airwaves.

You will see that as you grow stronger, you will gain confidence and these will bring you an optimism and joy of the Lord. There is a glory in serving God in this capacity. There will be great fruits of the spirit, great rewards in seeing others lifted up and filled with the Holy Spirit through your inspiring leadership and the Glory of God in you. Take heart! Take up the sword and the staff that God is offering you! The sword is the Word. The staff is the authority and responsibility that God is extending to you.

God is calling you to be a "Joshua Warrior."

What is a Joshua Warrior?

God has provided us with a roadmap and clear directives on how to be a Joshua Warrior, to ensure protection, provision and victory. A Joshua Warrior...

- **Answers the Call to Leadership.** *"...now therefore arise [to take his place]"¹ Joshua 1:2*
- **Leads People to Emancipation.** *"...cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them..." Joshua 1:2*
- **Is Given Territory & Authority.** *"I have given you every place on which the sole of your foot treads..." Joshua 1:3*
- **Knows that God Stands with Us.** *"No man will [be able to] stand before you [to oppose you] as long as you live. Just as I was [present] with Moses, so will I be with you; I will not fail you or abandon you." Joshua 1:5*
- **Is Strong, Confident & Courageous.** *"Be strong and confident and courageous, for you will give this people as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers (ancestors) to give them." Joshua 1:6*
- **Knows the Land is Ours.** *"...the land which I swore to their fathers (ancestors) to give them." Joshua 1:6*
- **Must Adhere to God's Law for Victory.** *"Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do [everything] in accordance with the entire law which Moses My servant commanded you." Joshua 1:7*
- **Must Obey God's Instructions Exactly.** *"...Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may prosper and be successful wherever you go." Joshua 1:7*
- **Uses the Word as a Weapon.** *"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that **you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it;** for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful." Joshua 1:8*
- **In God We Trust.** *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

¹ The Hebrew verb "arise" is an instruction to get ready to fulfill a command, somewhat similar to the military command "attention." AMP

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The 3 P's Instructions of Joshua to the People

- PREPARE
- PROVISION
- POSSESS the Land

"Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, "Go throughout the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to cross this [river] Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess [as an inheritance].'" Joshua 1:10-11

Character Traits of a Joshua Warrior

Joshua is a forerunner and foreshadow of Yeshua, both names meaning "to deliver/save/rescue/salvation." God is calling us to embody the noble, godly traits of Joshua, God's warrior. He always did what God told him to do, when and as God told him to, even when it was a hard task. What is God asking and requiring of us in this season of our lives and in this season for America?

Sacrifice & Selflessness.

- ◆ There is a sacrifice required of God's warriors. They lead the way, bring others to safety and then are allowed to focus on their own lives.
- ◆ *"but you shall go across [the river] before your brothers (the other tribes) armed for battle, all your **brave warriors**, and **you shall help them** [conquer and take possession of their land], until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as He has given you, and they also take possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. **Then you shall [be allowed to] return to your own land, and take possession** of that which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you..." Joshua 1:14-15*

Obey. Obey. Obey.

- ◆ "Obey" comes from the Latin word for *listen*. There is also a dimension of the meaning which is to *heed*; that is, to act on what you hear, act on the command or directive.
- ◆ *"They answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so will we obey you; only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. Any man who rebels against your command and does not obey everything that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous." Joshua 1:16-18*
- ◆ *"For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan [on the east], to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed." Joshua 2:10*
- ◆ In Joshua 2:10, the conquest of the land and the destruction of its inhabitants were acts of divine judgment decreed by God, and carried out through **acts of obedience** by Joshua and the sons of Israel. (AMP footnotes)
- ◆ *"you shall do [exactly] as the LORD commanded. See, I have commanded you." Joshua 8:8*
- ◆ *"It shall be that the one who is chosen with the things under the ban (forbidden) shall be [killed and his body] burned with fire, he and all that belongs to him, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD." Joshua 7:15*
- ◆ **NOTE:** Obedience led to taking the land (possession) and conquering their enemies. Disobedience by one soldier led to hardship for the whole community. His whole family ended up losing their lives with him.

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Timing is Everything.

- ◆ A critical aspect of obedience is doing things in God's timing. Act WHEN He directs to act, not when it is convenient or fits in to a pre-planned schedule. Timing is absolutely CRITICAL to war victories.
- ◆ God cannot protect us against our own free will choices. Executing His commands 100% His way and 100% His timing is critical for provision, protection and possession.

Bringing Others to God's Emancipation.

- ◆ **Let God's Presence Precede You.**
 - *"When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from where you are and follow it."* Joshua 3:3
- ◆ **Sanctify Yourself.**
 - *"Sanctify yourselves [for His purpose], for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders (miracles) among you."* Joshua 3:5
 - Sanctification can include a clean, pure diet of food as well as activities (what you expose yourself to in movies, entertainment etc.); purity of thoughts, speech and actions; keeping a sanctified (clean, blessed, anointed) home.
- ◆ **Be Still for God.**
 - *"... you shall stand **still** in the Jordan."* Joshua 3:8
 - Being in stillness, we hear God more clearly. *"Be still and know that I AM God."* (Psalm 46:10)
 - In the stillness we allow God to act in and through us.
- ◆ **Let God's Presence Precede You.**
 - *"Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you [leading the way]..."* Joshua 3:11
- ◆ **God's Miracle Help Arrives.**
 - We often forget that God parted the waters on more than one occasion to bring deliverance to His people. In each case, God requires His intercessors.
 - *"Those [waters] flowing downward toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed [the river] opposite Jericho."* Joshua 3:16

"Far be it from us to abandon (reject) the LORD to serve other gods; for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did these great signs (miracles) in our sight and kept us safe all along the way that we went and among all the peoples among whom we passed. The LORD drove all the peoples out from before us, even the Amorites who lived in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God."

Joshua 24:16-18

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Joshua Warriors Vows

Extracting stories and verses from the Book of Joshua, we learn what Joshua and God's people did right and what mistakes they made, and then formulate them into repentance and vows to become Joshua Warriors of God.

"Father God, every statement of repentance and recommitment to you I speak on behalf of myself, my entire bloodline back to Adam and Eve, and for America as an Intercessor for my country."

1. Making Covenants with and/or Yoking with Those We Should Not.

- ◆ Yoking with others is a natural human impulse. Yoking can include creating friendships, business partnerships, social alliances and marriages. Because of our open, free and integrated society, we yoke with all kinds of people and activities often without thinking of spiritual consequences or if it is God's will. God is calling us to take a hard examination of our life, relationships and alliances and ask God if these are His will for our life.²
- ◆ *"So the men [of Israel] took some of their own provisions [and offered them in friendship], and [foolishly] did not ask for the counsel of the LORD. Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant (treaty) with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation [of Israel] swore an oath to them."* Joshua 8:14-15
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I have yoked to people, parties, entities, organizations that have NOT been Your will, that fit my own desires, agendas, needs, values, attachments and impulses. I repent for keeping or sustaining relationships and alliances with others past their expiration date, because they or the relationship shifted out of alignment with Your will. I repent for all the times I yoked, created relationship with others without checking in with You first, for acting out of my own self will, selfishness, pridefulness, greed, stubbornness, ignorance or weakness.
- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to making sure that I ask YOU what is YOUR will for my life, with whom I shall socialize, conduct business, create relationships. I now realize that yoking to others opens the doors for other things, beliefs, activities, even demons to enter into me, my life and my home, and that Your will for me in this regard is for my own good so that You may fully protect and provide for me.

2. Finish the Job.

- ◆ In Joshua chapter 10, ten times it is recorded that Joshua left no survivor: "He left no survivor." Ten is God's number for law and order, and for governance. Why was this repeated 10 times? What is God conveying to us? As warriors, we are called to have a spine of steel, to make tough calls, to do 100% God's will and God's way. Several times throughout the bible we see kings and warriors who did not purge 100% of the evil seed, to their detriment and the detriment of many future generations.
- ◆ *"He left no survivor, but he utterly destroyed all who breathed, just as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded."* Joshua 10:40
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I did not 'finish the job', did not go all the way to what You wanted and needed me to do. I repent for all the harm that my inactions and actions

² During the time of the judges, some Israelites began to intermarry with the Jebusites, causing God to bring judgment on the nation (Judges 3:5).

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caused to others and to You. I repent for all the times and ways I was inappropriately soft and therefore weak.

- ♦ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to always ‘finish the job’, in whatever that looks like and means in each situation. Give me a spine of steel to be strong and courageous to do Your Will and to also **speak out** Your Will as prophetic warfare.

3. Have Certainty Against Overwhelming Odds.

- ♦ God sent Joshua to take down several dozen kingdoms and territories seemingly against all odds. Joshua and his men slew a total of 31 kings. 31 is the gematria for “El” a name for God. God was in the victories!
- ♦ *“So all these kings met and they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. Then the LORD said to Joshua, ‘Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow by this time I am going to hand over **all of them** slain [by the sword] to Israel.’ Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him; he hamstringed (disabled) their horses and set fire to their chariots.”* Joshua 11:5-6, 9
- ♦ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I have had doubt, fear, anxiety, lack of faith that You will come through for me, for my country. I repent for my timidity, weakness and wavering faith.
- ♦ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to hold certainty that You will follow through to save America, that You will honor Your covenants with America and me, that we shall be victorious in defeating ALL of our enemies.

4. Know and Do Only What is God’s Will.

- ♦ *“For it was [the purpose] of the LORD to harden their hearts, to meet Israel in battle so that Israel would utterly destroy them, that they would receive no mercy, but that Israel would destroy them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.”* Joshua 11:20
- ♦ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I did not follow You completely, when You told me either directly or through others what was right, what are Your laws and statutes, what was Your will for me and my life, and yet I did not listen, I did not heed, I did not act accordingly and rightly. I repent for all the times I did not even ask You what was Your will in a situation or action.
- ♦ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to going to You about all areas of my life: my relationships, my vocation, my actions and choices. I commit to waiting on You, to hear and heed what is Your will.

5. Follow the LORD God Completely.

- ♦ *“My brothers (fellow spies) who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I **followed the LORD my God completely**. So Moses swore [an oath to me] on that day, saying, ‘Be assured that the land on which your foot has walked will be an inheritance to you and to your children always, because you have followed the LORD my God completely.”* Joshua 14:8-9 (Caleb)
- ♦ *“Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb **because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, completely**.”* Joshua 14:14
- ♦ *“Then Joshua ... said to them, ‘You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and **have listened to and obeyed my voice in everything that I commanded you**. You have not deserted your brothers these many days to this day, but have [carefully] kept the obligation of the commandment of the LORD your God.”* Joshua 22:1-3
- ♦ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I did not follow You completely, when You told me either directly or through others what was right, what are Your laws and statutes, what was Your will for me and my life, and yet I did not listen, I did not heed, I did not act accordingly and rightly.

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- ♦ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to taking the time and care to ask and then wait to listen for Your answers, Your will, Your directives for my life. I commit, as in Joshua 22:5, to be very careful *and* diligently observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD has commanded me to love the LORD my God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all my heart and with all my soul [my very life].”

6. Steadfast and Determined.

- ♦ The Word in Joshua chapter 23 tells us that as we remain steadfast and determined, God will fight our battles for us. So we find greater strength in giving the battle over to God.
- ♦ *“And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; for the LORD your God is He who has been fighting for you. See, I have allotted to you these nations as an inheritance ... the LORD your God will push them away from before you and drive them out of your sight and you will take possession of their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. **Be steadfast and very determined to keep and to do everything that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses.**”* Joshua 23:3-6
- ♦ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the ways I have mixed, appropriated, adopted cultural, religious and spiritual ways, traditions, practices, values of those who were not of You and Your ways. I repent for intermarriage and wrong associations, for all the ways I have allowed them to be a snare and trap, for transgressing (violating) the covenant of the LORD my God, which He commanded me to follow, for in any way serving and bowing down to other gods and idols, including people, objects and ideologies.
- ♦ **Father God, I COMMIT** to being a Joshua Warrior, as Your Word in Joshua 23:6-8 says, so that I do not turn aside to the right or the left; I will not associate with peoples that remain amongst us, worship other gods, make anyone swear [an oath by them], or serve them, or bow down to them. But I will cling to the LORD my God in a true union as in marriage.
- ♦ **Father God**, just as You did for the Israelites, drive out all of our enemies on our soil, let no one stand in opposition before us this day. One of our men puts to flight a thousand, for the LORD our God is fighting for us, just as You promised us. Thank you Lord God!

7. Do Not Serve Other Gods.

- ♦ Joshua knew the trap the pagan nations would be to Israel, so he proposed three guidelines: obedience to God’s word (23:6); a diligent separation from the Canaanite nations (23:7); a dependence on the Lord with heartfelt love (23:8-11). In our culture, there are other versions of these “Canaanite nations” amongst us. Meditate and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal these to you.
- ♦ *“But do not rebel against the LORD, or ... act unfaithfully in the things under the ban (prohibited), and as a result God’s wrath come on the entire congregation.”* Joshua 22:19-20
- ♦ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I, my bloodline, America have served other gods, be they spiritual, material, relational, any kind of idol set up to compete with and overshadow You, and compromise my relationship with You. I repent for how America has forgotten her Judeo-Christian roots, has taken for granted the moral anchor of Your laws and the Gospel and allowed other gods and practices to come into our culture.³

³ **Regarding Mercy:** God gives nations and people many opportunities to repent before judgment (2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 2:20-21). The Amorite nation had plenty of time to turn from their idolatry, but they despised God’s goodness and longsuffering and refused to repent (Romans 2:4). The Lord’s judgment upon them was severe, and those in rebellion receive the fruits of it (Romans 2:5; Matthew 10:28; Revelation 2:22-23)

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- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** to restoring America to one nation under God, restoring our covenants with You in every area of life, to being an apostle for the Gospel, to being fearless in representing You and sharing Your Word.
- 8. Prayers of Thanksgiving.**
- ◆ Father God, You foreshadowed in the Book of Joshua and other scriptures all that You would do for us in these times of leaving our current version of Egypt bondage, into the freedom that was declared almost 250 years ago by our Founding Fathers. (see Joshua 24)
 - ◆ **Father God, WE THANK YOU** that when we cried out to You for help, You put darkness between us and our enemies, and brought the sea upon them and covered them. You gave us land for which we did not labor, and cities which we did not build, to live in them and possess them; to eat from vineyards and olive groves which we did not plant.
 - ◆ **Father God, WE COMMIT** to serving You with reverence, in sincerity and in truth; removing from America all false gods; serving YOU LORD GOD ALONE.



“Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You will not be able to serve the LORD [if you serve any other gods], for He is a holy God; He is a jealous God [demanding what is rightfully and uniquely His]. Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.’”
Joshua 24:19, 15

