

TAKING GROUND By Jarrod Davidoff August 9,2020

If we are to broach the subject of taking ground we look no further than a man who did just that. Here we look at and study Joshua who was the right hand man of Moses and the general of Israel's army under Moses.

We first hear about Joshua when Moses sent a leader from each of Israel's 12 tribes to spy out the promised land. The only one who came back with a godly positive report was Joshua and Caleb. God called the others report evil of not to invade the enemies of the promised land.

Their consequence was that all of them died in the Wilderness over the next 40 years and only Joshua and Caleb from their generation entered.

The reward for obedience was land, prosperity, and reward

The consequence of shrinking back and cowering to the enemy was to perish and not enter the promised land.

Let us read what the Lord says to Joshua when Moses died and then during this study let us look at the secret to what made him such a successful leader of his tribe, then general then leader of the nation.

When I was a teenager I used to go to the library often and read autobiographies of famous accomplished people. I reckoned that if I do what they did, then I will get the same, similar or greater results than they did.

There are truly great role models for us in God's kingdom currently yet some of the greatest role models for us are in the Bible.

What's so remarkable about Joshua is that **he never lost a battle.**

How would you like to go through life never losing a battle in life, business, family, outreach or whatever assignment the Lord gives you.

Joshua 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: **2** "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. **3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. **5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.** I will not leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may [b]prosper wherever you go. **8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you[c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go."

LET'S BREAK IT DOWN AGAIN

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You mean the Moses that went to Pharaoh and the 10 plagues and all that stuff

YEAH THAT ONE

You mean Moses who raises his staff and the sea splits and the Egyptian army is drowned MOSES

YEAH THAT MOSES

You mean Moses the pillar of cloud by day, fire by night Moses

Yup THAT'S HIM

You mean the 40 years in the Wilderness Moses-our shoes growing with our feet and never breaking, mana from heaven, quali, meat-

YESSSSS THAT'S HIM

That's like trying to sing after Pavaroti

Or preach after a Reimhard Bonnke message

Or paint after Picasso

Now **(GOD SIGHING)** therefore, arise **(GET UP)**, go over this Jordan **(PUT THE NAME OF YOUR CITY OR NATION HERE-ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, UK, SOUTH AFRICA, CANADA, MEXICO)**, you and all this people **(THIS IS THE PEOPLE GOD HAS ASSIGNED FOR YOU TO REACH)**, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel **(THE CHURCH)**.

3 Every place **(NOT SOME, NOT A FEW)** that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

Every outreach, every assignment, every place of work: The courthouse, the hospital, the school, your home, your neighborhood. THIS SPEAKS OF DOMINION: Ruling and reigning with Jesus.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

From Newport to Yorba Linda | San Clemente to Seal Beach | You fill in your boundary

Actually all the oil in the middle east was for world evangelism

5 No man (or Demon or Satan himself) shall *be able to stand before you all the days of your life*

Just imagine the confidence you can have as a child of God knowing that you can have victory in every circumstance

; as I was with Moses (for me it was AS I WAS WITH Reinhard Bonnke and Billy Graham), so I will be with you *(this is the greatest promise the Lord can give you so that you have confidence to go forward, especially if you have a leader before you who did epic assignments). I will not leave you nor forsake you. (REINHARD'S GONE, BILLY'S GONE BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT REMAINS)*

The secret of their success was the Lord
If you do what they did, you will get what they got

6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people **(THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COMMUNITY)** you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

He is telling Joshua to be strong and courageous in following the Word of God that He gave Moses
For it is in obeying the Word of the Lord that you will be prosperous

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth (**CONFESSION**), but you (**NO ONE ELSE -No one can force you**) shall meditate in it day and night (**THIS CALLS FOR A SERIOUS COMMITMENT**), that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then (**It's conditional**) you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

HERE ARE 5 CHARACTERISTICS THAT MADE JOSHUA TAKE GROUND

1) HE HAD A DIFFERENT SPIRIT

Joshua and Caleb were the only ones giving the children of Israel a positive report about occupying the PROMISED LAND.

Some see the glass half empty YET others HALF FULL

He was different. He stuck out. You can be different. You can stick out.

God never created you to fit in but to STAND OUT.

God said to Moses in.

Numbers 14:20 Then the Lord said: “I have pardoned, according to your word; **21** but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord— **22** because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and **have not** heeded My voice, **23** they certainly shall not

see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. **24** But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

IN TIMES OF TESTING

Some rise up, some shrink back

Some churches are meeting publicly, some haven't in 5 months

I'm so grateful we have a different spirit

We are moving forward and with it the Lord will bless us all

On many an occasion my Jewish brain which is logical, systematic and strategic tells me one thing **AND THE LORD TELLS ME SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT**

I'm going with the Lord. He has never failed me yet.

God wants us to have a spirit of faith.

David vs Goliath (RUN AND SAVE YOURSELF vs HE STOOD UP TO THE BULLY)

Shadrach, Meshack, Abednego (BOW-YES SIR-They said we will not bow)

Daniel, Joseph, the early disciples

You here today

THEY ALL HAD A DIFFERENT SPIRIT

I remember driving into Cape Town for our first mega campaign where we did about 700 school campaigns from Sept 2008 to March 2010.

I knew of the violence in some areas like Mitchals Plain, Belhair, Macassar. This Jewish boy didn't grow up in areas like this so naturally I felt ill equipped.

Yet I had a flame of fire on top of my head that when the demons saw me coming and our team coming a mile a way they ran.

I saw a vision of a tidal wave coming, the Lord said I have made you the spiritual authority for this harvest of souls.

Approx 450 000 students decided for Jesus during that campaign.

2) HE MEDITATED IN THE WORD DAY AND NIGHT

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth **(CONFESSION)**, but you shall meditate in it day and night **(THIS CALLS FOR A SERIOUS COMMITMENT)**, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

He must have to have embraced such success

Fundamentals

Renew your mind

Brings focus

Switch off your tv, put away your magazines, limit your social media.

Switch on to God's word.

3) CONFESSION

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,

...For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

He had to have been confessing that he never lost a battle.

He told Joshua to speak the Word. He confessed that he was a victorious leader.

You need to confess you a great.

Dad, husband, friend, servant of God, politician, doctor, lawyer, accountant, staff member.

THANK YOU LORD THAT I'M BLESSED AND HIGHLY FAVORED

THANK YOU LORD THAT I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

THANK YOU LORD THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE SKILLS TO BE THE BEST THAT I CAN BE

Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Job 22:28 You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you;

4) ATTACK

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

5 No man (Demon or Satan himself) shall *be able to stand before you all the days of your life*

We attack by moving forward- What's your NEXT STEP?

Weekly church to get equipped. I'm not playing games. I'm here to equip you to be a world shaker and a history maker

Join a connect group and get disciplined

Start a connect group

Join an outreach group and get trained

Start an outreach group

With confidence we can move forward knowing that God is backing us up.

He's with us, He's for us. If God be for us who can be against us.

Satan is not going to take this fight standing down. Jesus warned us in:

John 10:10 the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy

He attacks us BUT we attack back by fighting the good fight of faith.

Moses led the children of Israel to the foot of the PROMISED LAND, yet it was Joshua who took them in.

Yet there were giants in the land that they had to fight, but God helped them defeat every nation.

There are going to be many fights in your PROMISED LAND yet God will give you the victory.

HOW DO YOU FIGHT?

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

Fortune favors the brave

Faith without works is dead

5) POSSESS THE LAND

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **10** And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Spiritual land, As for me and my house, Eternity and STWF

The Lord showed me many members will take STWF around the world as administrators and Evangelists

The future we will have Eternity Churches across the world

WE POSSESS THE:

Physical land -Every place my foot treads, an inheritance for my children's children

Political land

Entertainment -Believers to be the owners of Disney etc or we build our own

Media -Owners, social media owners, own shows

Sports -Own sports teams, top athletes, managers, agents

Education -Christian schools, top students to send to Yale, Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Presidents and Deans,

Writing best selling books that change peoples lives