

I will never leave you nor forsake you. Joshua 1:5



Bible Study:

Deuteronomy 34; Joshua 1:1-11. Deuteronomy ends with a great exclamation of what an Awesome God did through His servant Moses. From a worldly view, it may seem like God was unfair not to let Moses into the Promised Land. But in actuality, the Promised Land is really just a metaphor for the true Promised Land – Heaven, where we will be reunited with our Creator and Father! And though Scripture is vague on this aspect, it would appear that God didn't just bury Moses in the desert, but actually brought him to heaven. This is alluded to in Jude 1:9, and seems to be the simplest way to explain how Moses appeared with Elijah (who was taken directly to heaven before death) at the transfiguration of Jesus written about in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The gospel in the story:

Joshua's name means "God saves." The gospel is about God who, in His faithfulness, brings salvation to sinners. In this account, we see a picture of God continuing to be faithful to His promise to bring Israel out of slavery and deliver them into the Promised Land. He provided a leader in the form of Joshua, and put His Spirit in Joshua for the purpose of leading the Israelites. But one would come later who's name is the (Greek form of Joshua) would come to deliver us from spiritual slavery and death.

Application

Head; What did we learn?

Q: Who was Moses? A: The man appointed by God to lead Israel out of slavery

Q: What are some of the miracles Moses witnessed?

A: Plagues, parting of the sea, manna from heaven, the ten commandments, Gods presence traveling with them (to name a few)

Q: Who is Joshua, son of Nun? A: The man appointed by God to lead Israel after Moses' death.

Q: What promise does God make to Joshua? A: That He will never leave him or forsake him.

Q: What encouragement does God give to Joshua? A: He encourages Joshua to be strong and courageous and to be faithful about the law.

Heart: Memory verse

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Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

God's promise to Joshua applies to all who have been saved through Jesus. He will never leave us or forsake us!

Home: How does this affect my household?

Just as God was the Head of Israel who appointed leaders like Joshua, so He is also the Head of each of our households. And He has appointed family members to submit to Him AND be good stewards in the roles He ordained.

Heaven; How does this help us share our faith?

God put His glory on display through the Israelites by protecting them and giving them success over their enemies. The same is true for those who are in Jesus. God has given us victory over the enemy (Satan), and that is a message that we want to share with our friends and neighbors!