

JOSHUA: STRONG & COURAGEOUS

"The Call to Get Back in the Battle" Joshua 8 October 24, 2021

Reassured by the Lord to <u>re-engage</u> the enemy Vs 1-2 Psalm 37:23-24

- 1) He encourages them
- 2) He instructs them
- 3) He promises them

Reimagined battle plan is given Vs 3-9

- 1) Listen to the Lord command & walk in faith
- 2) Don't rely on past victories for future success
- 3) God takes our mistakes & uses them for our good

Return to the battle Vs 10-29

- 1) The leader needs to lead
- 2) God will fight for us but we must fight in the battle
- 3) Be obedient to carry out the plan

A Renewal & Recommitment to their calling Vs 30-35 Deuteronomy 27:1-10 & 28:1-15

1) Joshua built an altar & offered sacrifices

- 2) Joshua wrote the Law on the stones
- 3) Joshua read the Law

Lessons we learn and can apply this week

- 1. The Lord will never forsake us, no matter how much we have forsaken Him. He is faithful even when we are unfaithful
- 2. The Lord can & does take our mistakes & turn them into something good.
- 3. The Lord wants us to live in victory and not defeat
- The Lord loves to give us a fresh start and new beginning to once again walk in relationship with Him & follow Him
- 5. We need to stop <u>regularly</u> for times of renewal and reminder of our calling and focus on Him.

Response Questions:

- 1. Why is a fresh start so important? What does it teach us?
- 2. Share a time when you when you walked away from the Lord or been unfaithful and how you discovered the Lord didn't leave you and was faithful to you.
- 3. Why can't we rely on past victories to bring us success in the next battle?
- 4. How have you seen the Lord take a defeat or something bad in your life and use it for your good or even someone else? Share that
- 5. What does it mean that the Lord will fight for us but we still have to do our part in the battle?
- 6. Why is it so critical that we stop often for times of renewal and recommitment to our calling?