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"A Call to Preparation"

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5 Seasons of Joshua's Preparation

1. Joshua the Slave

God can use us in spite of our past.

2. Joshua the Soldier Exodus 17:8-16

God is on our side & if we will obey Him, we can be victorious over our enemies.

3. Joshua the Servant Exodus 24:13

God will use as we are obedient in the little things, the servant roles that He places us in. Only then will God use us in the bigger things.

4. Joshua the Spy Numbers 13:1-8; 14:7-9

God uses those who stand firm in their commitment to the Lord even against overwhelming odds.

5. Joshua the Successor Numbers 27:18-19, 23; Deuteronomy 34:9 God uses us for a season and then we must pass on our leadership to others.

6 Characteristics of a Great Leader

- 1. He was chosen by God
- 2. He was full of the Spirit
- 3. He was faithful & a follower
- 4. He was a visionary
- 5. He was humble
- 6. He was passionate

5 Principles to Live By

- 1. It takes time to become prepared to be a faithful leader to others.
- 2. As a leader, we must realize there is a unique balance between <u>dependence</u> on God and <u>confidence</u> in ourselves.
- 3. We must begin to serve God <u>now</u> in order to be prepared for future responsibilities.

- 4. God will use those <u>difficult</u> times to work in us so He might work through us as a leader.
- 5. God has called us all of us to be a leader in some way or another.

3 Questions that Demand a Response

- 1. Are you willing for God to use you?
- 2. Are you available for God to use you?
- 3. Are you prepared for God to use you?