

GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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“The CROSSOVER” – Joshua 1:1-9

Crossover is all around us! The world is crossing over into a new normal way of living, students are crossing over into a new school year, and people everywhere are crossing over into a new month. This past Sunday many of us watched the horse drawn caisson with the late Congressman John Lewis cross over the Edmond Pettus Bridge and were reminded that we are all crossing over something. Today through Joshua 1, we will reflect on how God speaks and what God does amidst our crossover experiences.

I. Who are some biblical characters that crossed over?

1. Abraham – Genesis 12
2. Moses – Exodus 12
3. Joshua – Joshua 3
4. Jesus – Mark 4

II. Who is Moses?

1. Learner – Grew up and educated in Pharaoh’s home
2. Laborer – Built bricks out of straw
3. Life Saver – Killed the man fighting an Israelite
4. Leader – Led the Israelites for several decades
5. Liberator – Spoke truth to power against Pharaoh
6. Looker – Saw God in the burning bush
7. Law Sharer - Given the 10 Commandments by God
8. Listener – Received wisdom from Jethro regarding leadership
9. Legend – Orphan who later became a mighty man of faith

III. Who is Joshua?

1. Mentee of Moses
2. Messenger who was hopeful after spying out the land with Caleb
3. Mighty Warrior who marched around the walls of Jericho
4. Model of faith who committed his house to serving the Lord

IV. Just before the CROSSOVER is a time of....

1. Personal intimacy with God (v.1)

“After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide:”

2. Reflection of what God had done (v.2)

“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

3. Instruction regarding the future (v.3-4)

I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

4. Assurance regarding God’s promises (v.5-7)

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.”

5. Meditation on God’s Word (v.8-9)

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

V. What are the SPIRITUAL TRUTHS from Joshua 1?

1. God allows us to experience seasons (v.1)
2. God speaks to you directly & through your spiritual leader (v.2)
3. God is always trying to move us forward (v.3)
4. God has a blessing on the other side of your river (v.4)
5. God will fight your battles (v.5)
6. God wants you to be strong and courageous (v.6-7)
7. God’s expects you to meditate on His Word (v.7-8)

VI. What are some Lessons for Living & Principles to Practice?

1. Give God glory daily for His GRACE
2. Give God glory daily for His GUIDANCE
3. Give God glory daily for His GOODNESS
4. Give God glory daily for His GIFTS
5. Give God glory daily for His GENEROSITY