

1. Introduction-Passage split into 3 parts
 - a. God speaking to Joshua: vs 1-9
 - b. Joshua speaking to Israelites: vs 10-15
 - c. Israelites speaking to Joshua: vs 16-18
 - d. In each section we will see:
 - i. Recognition of who is in charge
 - ii. Encouragement
 - iii. Promise
 - iv. Faithfulness
 - v. Call to Action
2. God's Charge to Joshua (vs 1-9)
 - a. God is in Charge
 - i. "Lord said", "my servant", "I" (8 times-ESV), "commanded you"
 - ii. It's God's plan and God's purpose so it's God's Praise!
 1. Exodus 15:1-2, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him."
 - b. Encouragement
 - i. "No man shall stand against you" vs 5
 - ii. Appointed/Chosen by God!
 1. "You shall cause" vs 6
 2. God doesn't need us, but He chose us to be part of His plan! People are important! Joshua is important, YOU are important.
 - iii. "Prosperous, success" vs 8
 - iv. Everyone needs recognition for his accomplishments, but few people make the need known quite as clearly as the little boy who said to his father: "Let's play darts. I'll throw, and you say 'Wonderful!'"
 - c. Promise
 - i. "I am giving you land" vs 2-3
 - ii. Victory-"no man shall be able to stand before you" vs 5
 - iii. "I will be with you" vs 5,9
 - d. Faithfulness: True over a period of time.
 - i. "Just as I promised Moses" vs 4
 1. 40 years of wilderness, 400 years of slavery. God was STILL working out His plan!
 - ii. "I swore" vs 6
 - iii. "Lord your God is with you wherever you go" vs 9
 - iv. Time passes, people change, circumstances change, BUT God is faithful.
 - e. Call to Action: God is in charge, BUT He used Joshua to accomplish His work. ("You")
 - i. "Now...go" vs 2
 - ii. "Wherever you go" vs 9
 1. Does not mean that you can go anywhere and it's part of God's plan
 2. Go and be successful (Between the "go's" is the instruction)

- a. Verse 7: Obey
 - b. Verse 8: Study
 - c. Verse 9: Courageous Faith
- 3. Joshua's Command to the Israelites (vs 10-15)
 - a. Joshua is in Charge (Deuteronomy 34:9, Joshua 1:1-9)
 - i. Joshua recognizes God is in charge: "Lord your God" vs 10, 13, 15
 - ii. Joshua was placed in charge by God: "Commanded" vs 10
 - 1. He had heard from God, now he is directing the people he is leading.
 - b. Encouragement & Promise
 - i. "Are to pass over...take possession" vs 11
 - ii. "Shall possess it" vs 15
 - iii. This is the same speech Joshua had given 40 years earlier! Now to a different generation. God's timing, planning, and purpose were perfect.
 - iv. Joshua communicated God's promise
 - 1. "Lord your God is giving you" vs 11
 - 2. "God is providing" vs 13
 - 3. "Lord gives rest" vs 15
 - 4. "the land that the Lord your God is giving" vs 15
 - 5. "Shall" = promise (It's going to happen!)
 - c. God's Faithfulness
 - i. "remember the word that Moses commanded" vs 13
 - ii. "that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you" vs 15
 - iii. Joshua committed to God's purpose
 - 1. By pointing to God's faithfulness, Joshua is showing that he too is faithful. He is showing the Israelites that he can be trusted.
 - 2. Joshua is acting on God's plan, not his own.
 - d. Call to Action
 - i. "Pass through camp" vs 11
 - ii. "Prepare provisions" vs 11
 - iii. "Take possession of the land" vs 11
 - iv. "wives, little ones, livestock will remain in the land" vs 14
- 4. Israelites Commitment to Joshua (vs 16-18)
 - a. Recognize who is in charge
 - i. "Lord your God" vs 17
 - ii. "you" vs 17 = Joshua
 - b. Encouragement & Promise
 - i. Dedicated in word & activity
 - 1. "we will obey you" vs 17 (support is powerful)
 - 2. "may the Lord your God be with you" vs 17 (Prayer)
 - c. Faithfulness
 - i. "whoever rebels...disobeys...shall be put to death" vs 18
 - 1. Obedient even to death
 - d. Call to Action (Encouraging in Accountability)
 - i. "the Lord your God" vs 17

1. Don't forget who this is for and who you serve!
- ii. "Be strong and courageous" vs 18
 1. This statement was delivered from Moses to Joshua (Num 13:20, Deut 31:7, 23), written in the book of the law, given to Joshua from God (vs 6-7, 9) and now the people back to Joshua.
 2. Remember the word of God (this phrase was written in the book of the law)
 3. Live up to who God has told you to be and equipped you to be
5. God's Commission to us (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - a. Who's in charge?
 - i. "All authority" vs 18 (Jesus)
 - ii. "I have commanded" vs 20
 - iii. "Make disciples...baptize...teach"
 1. We have authority to do as He commanded
 2. "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" vs 19
 - b. Encouragement & Promise
 - i. Encouragement is that He trusted us, He has equipped us!
 - ii. "I am with you always" vs 20
 - c. Faithful
 - i. "To the end" vs 20
 - d. Call to Action (2 Calls)
 - i. "Go" vs 19
 1. "Teaching" vs 20
 - ii. "Be saved"
 1. 1 Timothy 2:4, "who desires all people to be saved"
 2. Isaiah 45:22, ""Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."
 - iii. Who's in charge of your life?
 1. If you are a believer, is Jesus on the throne of your life? Are you stopping yourself, realizing when you are acting on your own, submitting to Jesus and telling Him to have the throne?
 2. Unbeliever: Is Jesus Lord of your life? You are being called to be saved! Right now! You know who is in charge. You know God's promises. You know you are important in God's plan because HE has chosen you. You know that He is faithful to everything that He has said. It's time.