

# Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2009

*Bandon Faith Mission Camp*

## Studying the Life Principles of **Joshua**



**“But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.”**

***Deuteronomy 3:28***

## Preparing to Lead

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**“And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.” Deuteronomy 34:9**



**"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him."**

Mark 1:17-18

## Men's Spiritual Retreat 2009

### Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	Support Function
<b>THURSDAY 16 APRIL</b>			
4:00pm		Arrive at Camp - Unpack and Start Dinner	
5:30pm	1 hour	Dinner ( <i>Spaghetti, Garlic Bread</i> )	
6:30pm	30 min	Break, <b>Sports Time</b>	<i>Clean-up</i>
7:00pm	1:30 hour	<b>1st Session – Intro to Joshua</b>	– Craig Ledbetter
8:30pm	1 hour	Snack ( <i>Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches</i> )	
9:30pm	1:30 hour	<b>2nd Session – The Call of a Leader</b>	– Jerome Pittman
11:00pm	1 hour	<b>Fellowship Time</b>	
12:00am	7:30hrs	Sleep	
<b>FRIDAY 17 APRIL</b>			
7:30am	1 hour	Wake-Up, Read Bible & Take Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast ( <i>Eggs, Sausage, and Cereal</i> )	
9:15am	15min	Break	<i>Clean-up</i>
9:30am	1:15 hour	<b>3rd Session – Joshua's Character</b>	– Layton Kelly
10:45am	30 min	Break	
11:15am	1:15 hour	<b>4th Session – Joshua's Training</b>	– Dan Eberly
12:30pm	30 min	<i>Prepare Bag Lunches</i>	
1:00pm	4 hrs	<b>Hiking and Hill Walking</b> (and Beach)	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:00pm	30min	Break	
5:30pm	1 hour	Dinner ( <i>Roast Chicken</i> )	
6:00pm	45min	Worksheet – <b>Thoughts on Leadership</b>	– Craig Ledbetter
6:45pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
7:15pm	1 hour	<b>5th Session – Joshua's Faith</b>	– Les Hill
8:15pm	1 hour	<b>Sports Time</b> (Outdoor)	
9:15pm	1 hour	<b>Pop-Corn Preaching</b> ( <i>men preaching for 5 mins each</i> )	
10:15pm	1:30 hour	<b>Bonfire and Evening Quiet Time</b>	
11:45pm	7:15hrs	Sleep	
<b>SATURDAY 18 APRIL</b>			
7:30am	45min	Wake-up, Read Bible & Take Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:15am	45min	Breakfast ( <i>Eggs, Porridge and Cereal</i> )	
9:00am	1:30 hrs	<b>Final Session – Joshua's Worship</b>	– Craig Ledbetter
10:30am	15 min	Break	
10:45am	30min	<b>Testimony Time and Final Pop-Corn Preaching</b>	
11:15am	1 hour	Pack-up and clean-up	
12:15pm	30min	Lunch ( <i>Sandwiches</i> )	
12:45pm		Final Clean-up, Leave for Home	

**"The true measure of success is not that which the missionary accomplishes while on the field, but the work that still stands after he has gone."**

Melvin L. Hodges

## Special Songs

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### Faithful Men

I am looking to Jesus, giving all in the race,  
pressing upward to gain the heavenly prize!  
Faithful men are my witness,  
who have struggled for Christ,  
and they watch from the grandstands in the sky!

*Chorus*

**Faithful men... have gone before us!**  
**Faithful men... who fight and stand!**  
**I want to fol-low in their footsteps!**  
**Make me Lord... a faithful man!**

Jacob joined with the faithful; Joseph followed behind;  
Moses ran with the mighty men of old!  
There was David and Daniel; Then came Peter and Paul.  
Now they shout as they run on streets of gold!  
*(To Chorus)*

*End of the last Chorus*

Make me Lord... a faithful man.  
Make me Lord, a *faith-ful* man!

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### A Few Good Men

What this dying world could use, Is a willing man of God  
Who dares to go against the grain, And work without applause  
A man who'll raise the shield of faith, Protecting what is pure  
Whose love is tough and gentle, A man whose word is sure  
God doesn't need an orator, Who knows just what to say  
He doesn't need authorities, To reason Him away  
He doesn't need an army, To guarantee a win  
He just needs a few good men!

*Chorus*

**Men full of love compassion, Who'll laugh and love and cry**  
**Men who'll face eternity and aren't afraid to die**  
**Men who'll fight for freedom and honour once again**  
**He just needs a few good men**

He calls the broken derelict whose life has been renewed  
He calls the ones who know his Son to stand up for the truth  
Enlistment lines are open and he wants you come in  
He just needs a few good men

*To Chorus*



## This Year's Theme Song

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### *The Joshua Song*

Joshua, a faithful man – was training to be a leader,  
but he did not know, just what God had planned;  
So he memorized the Word of God,  
and trusted in God's Lamb!  
That's what it took, to free those slaves,  
as they headed for the Promised Land!



#### **Chorus-**

"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth,  
but thou shalt meditate therein, day and night."  
God is looking for some leaders, who will strive to pass each test;  
So He can make their way to prosper, and give them great success!

Joshua, a faithful man - he lived to help the leader,  
but he did not know, how-low-serving, goes...  
He took and obeyed his orders, and followed each command;  
That's what it takes to be used of God, and yielded to His hand.

*To Chorus*

Joshua, a faithful man - he had to face the pressure,  
but he did not know, how testing builds a man.  
The call of God is to view the world, beyond the giants we see...  
And, shut our mouths, go up at once, and see the victory!

*To Chorus*

Joshua, a faithful man - he had to face the challenge,  
but he did not know, that faith would be so hard.  
The river, and the giants, would be easily swept aside...  
But the hardest fight, is staying right, and closer to God's side.

*To Chorus*

#### **Tag:**

He can make your way to prosper, and give, you, great, success!

**Scriptures to Memorize**  
**Preparing Men to Lead**

*Meditate on these throughout the Retreat for best effect on your mind and heart!*

Deuteronomy 3:28 <b>But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.</b>	
Joshua 1:8 <b>This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.</b>	
Joshua 24:15 <b>Choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.</b>	Joshua 23:11 <b>Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.</b>
Deuteronomy 3:22 <b>Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.</b>	2Timothy 2:3 <b>Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.</b>
2Timothy 2:2 <b>And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.</b>	Joshua 11:15 <b>As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.</b>
Ephesians 3:7 <b>Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.</b> Ephesians 3:7	Numbers 27:18 <b>And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him.</b> Numbers 27:18

***Anyone can steer a ship.  
It takes a LEADER to chart the course!***



## Summary of the Life of Joshua

### How God Prepared a Leader

His name at birth, was **Oshea** (Num 13:8). It meant, “Save us!” He was born while the nation of Israel was in bondage as slaves in Egypt. It was a plea to God to save His people. But from the first time that Moses decided to start to use this man, he changed his name to “**Jehoshua**” (13:16). Moses had taken *Oshea* and added **Jehovah’s** name to the front of it and changed the whole meaning to, “The Lord will Save!” Everyone called him simply **Joshua** from that time on, which means “Jehovah Saves!” What a name this man ended up with!

Joshua was born a Jewish slave, the son of a slave named Nun, in Egypt around 1500 BC (1 Chronicles 7:20,27). He was of the tribe of Ephraim, which at that time, was the largest tribe in Israel. He lived 110 years, and died in the Promised Land. The first 56 years of his life were spent in Egypt as a slave. During the last year of slavery in Egypt, Joshua saw God bring the Egyptian empire to its knees by the faith of one man named Moses! Within 6 weeks, ten of the most devastating plagues rampaged through the Egyptian empire, leaving it in ruins, while the small area known as Goshen, where the Israelites lived was untouched!

Then one night, at midnight, the death angel from God, moved through Egypt, and killed every firstborn man and animal. The only salvation from the wrath of God was the blood of an innocent lamb being placed on the outside doorposts of every home of believers. That blood was enough the cause God to “pass over” the occupants of a home, and not judge it. Mighty Pharaoh’s army could not defend his son from the plague, and throughout the empire, screams were heard from parents who lost their firstborn sons, and their livestock. Joshua saw how that the blood of a lamb could conquer their fiercest enemies! It was just after midnight that Moses was summoned to Pharaoh’s throne and commanded to leave Egypt and never come back! With shouts of triumph, the people of God were free, and leaving that very night for a place called, the Promised Land!

Joshua travelled with Moses for the next two years in the following capacities: Walking with the entire crowd of over a million and a half people through the Red Sea on dry ground; then as the general of the army, fighting against enemies like the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16); as a servant personally to Moses (Exodus 32:15-21); as an appointed spy to view the layout of the Promised Land for conquest.

But things went very wrong. The nation that had seen God free them without a battle, and had fed them for two years with manna and quail, and often provided them water, even from rocks, was doubtful of being able to conquer the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizites, the Gergoshites, and the Termites, and the Flashlights! They did not want to live by faith, and instead wanted to go back to slavery in Egypt! This one decision by the majority of God’s people set them back an entire generation – 38 more years! That meant that Joshua, as full of faith as he was, had to wait an additional 38 more years before actually arriving into the Promised Land because of the unbelief of the people of Israel! But that never discouraged Joshua’s faith and confidence in God, and it was not failure – only a delay.

Then, suddenly, just as Israel was once again on the edge of the Promised Land, God said it was time for Moses to die! And God commanded Moses to appoint JOSHUA as the new leader of Israel, and to encourage him to finish Moses’ job of bringing God’s people safely and securely into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 31:23; Joshua 1)!

It was **THEN, at 96 years old** that Joshua began to lead! He lead Israel for the first seven years in conquering the land, and then the next seven years in dividing it to all the 12 tribes.

It was soon after that Joshua called all of the people together, and warned them about their stubbornness and lack of faith, and told them to love and serve God only!

## Background on the Book of Joshua

This book serves as the connecting link between the five books of the Pentateuch and the later historical books. Its name is from the principal character, Joshua. Chapters 1 to 23 describe the conquest of the Promised Land and its division among the tribes of Israel. In the final chapters, Joshua, exhorts the people "to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the Law of Moses," (23:6) and challenges them to maintain their covenant commitment to God.

**Author:** More than likely, most of this book was written by Joshua the son of Nun (just as Moses wrote himself) under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2Pet 1:19-21). The latter part of the book was written by at least one other person after the death of Joshua. The Hebrew name "Joshua" is the same as the name "Jesus" in Greek! They both mean "Jehovah Saves!" As a matter of fact, Joshua is called *Jesus* in Acts 7:45, and Hebrews 4:8!

**Date of Writing:** The Book of Joshua was likely written around 1400 B.C.

**Purpose of Writing:** The Book of Joshua provides an overview of the military battles to conquer the land that God had promised to Abraham and his sons through Isaac. At the beginning of the Book of Joshua, the new nation is now ready to enter the Promised Land, conquer the inhabitants and occupy the territory. The Book itself gives only selective details of many of the battles and the manner in which the land was not only conquered, but how it was divided.

**Key Scriptures:** Start well (Joshua 1:6-9), and stay **faithful** to God (Joshua 24:14-15).

**Its Importance and Significance.** Joshua gives lessons *How to carry on a Spiritual Warfare*- it is a military Book laying out our orders as to how to engage the enemy and win! Every Christian is supposed to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ. How you approach this Book will determine how you approach the Christian life, and the Second Coming of Christ (2Tim 4:8)!

**Its Theme** - "The Conquest of Enemy Territory". Fighting the Good Fight! The fulfilment of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob regarding possessing the land of Canaan.

- "Fight the good fight..." (1 Tim 6:12)
- "I have fought a good fight..." (2 Tim 4:7)
- "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:3)
- "No man that warreth entangleth himself..." (2 Tim 2:4)
- "We wrestle not against flesh and blood..." (Eph 6:12)
- "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Eph 6:10)
- "Put on the whole armour of God..." (Eph 6:11)

The Book explains your new found inheritance in Christ: You have to fight to maintain it, and when you get saved, you don't get to rest, you get ready to fight, with sure victories promised!

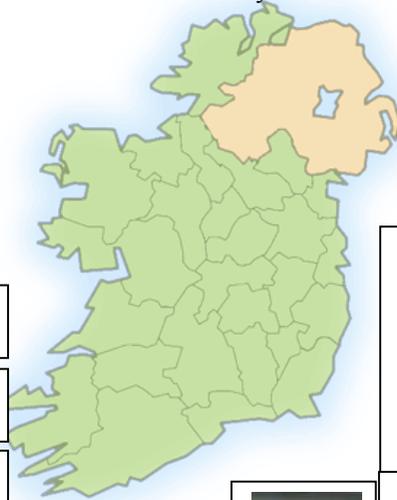
**Its Placement in the Bible.** The Book of Joshua in the Old Testament is a shadow of the Book of Acts in the New Testament. The Pentateuch presents the person and works of Moses *the Lawgiver*. The Gospels present the person and works of Jesus Christ *the Gracegiver!* Joshua describes the establishment of the Jews in the land of Canaan. Acts describes the establishment of the New Testament Church in the world!

**What will you find in the Book of Joshua?** The salvation of Rahab the Harlot. The Jordan river parting just like the Red Sea did. The Fall of the great city of Jericho. The defeat of Israel at Ai due to just one persons "secret sins". A Battle where the Sun and Moon stand still at Joshua's command! The dividing-up of the promised land to the twelve tribes. The establishment of six Cities of Refuge. Two and one half-tribes trying to live outside of the will of God. And at the death of Joshua, all Israel struggles with how to follow God without great leadership! Trying to keep God as their leader!

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**If You Believe the Bible... Then, You Are Not Alone!**

These are many of the Bible believing Pastors and Churches here in Ireland  
Thank God for these truly Faithful Men – God’s Men!



- No one is in Limerick
- No one is in Tralee
- No one is in Killarney
- No one is in Tipperary
- No one is in Youghal
- No one is in Clonmel
- No one is in Wexford
- No one is in Port Laoise
- No one is in Sligo
- No one is in Enis
- No one is in Castlebar
- No one is in Ballina
- Who will join up to reach this island?



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**Session One – Introducing Joshua**

*Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig*

**“But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him.”**

Deuteronomy 3:28

**Welcome to our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Men’s Retreat!**

Sermon Notes

**"Why Do we pray, 'Thy Kingdom come,' but never say,  
'Here am I, Lord, send me!'" - Unknown**

**Session Two – Joshua's Calling**

*Pastor Jerome Pittman – Lighthouse Baptist Church, Swords*

**“And the LORD said unto Moses, take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him.” Numbers 27:19**



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**Session Three – The Joshua's Character**

By Layton Kelly

**“Choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15**

Sermon Notes

*"The test of your character is what it takes to stop you."* Bob Jones Sr.

## Worksheet One - Thoughts on Leadership

### What *Followers* want in a Leader (by Larry Maxwell)

- They want to see \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to see \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to see \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to see \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to have \_\_\_\_\_ to their leader
- They want to make a \_\_\_\_\_ with their leader
- They want to see \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to spot \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to join a \_\_\_\_\_ with their leader
- They want to see \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to see \_\_\_\_\_ in their leader
- They want to sense \_\_\_\_\_ from their leader

### Preparations for Leadership

#### Questions you need to ask YOURSELF:

1. How has God \_\_\_\_\_ me since getting saved?
2. Have I allowed God to take me into a wilderness and break me of my \_\_\_\_\_?
3. What do I cling to right now that I find hard to \_\_\_\_\_ to God?
4. Am I a servant of God \_\_\_\_\_?
5. What am I doing right now in my local church that \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?

### A Leader must give up things to go up!

(Philippians 3:8) – Go on... LOOK IT UP!

#### All great leaders in the Bible had to give up the following things:

Pride	Control	Self-sufficiency	Money	Popularity
Comfort	Impatience	Familiar Surroundings	Identity	Status
Time	Possessions	<b>Are YOU willing to let God show you these things in your life, and hate them enough to leave them behind for Christ's sake?</b>		
Health	Goals			
Sleep	The Past			

**Session Four – Joshua's Training**

Dan Eberly, Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

**“As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.”** Joshua 11:15

**Sermon Notes**

**Paul focused all his energies on finding and training godly leaders... who would train other leaders... Who would start churches... and then would go to all the unreached – not to the easy and prominent areas!** (2 Tim 2:2; Titus 1:5; Romans 15:20; 2Cor 10:16)

**Session Five – Joshua's Faith**

Les Hill, Pastor of the Gospel Light Baptist Church

**“Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.”**  
Deuteronomy 3:22

**Sermon Notes**



**Session Six – Joshua' Worship**

Pastor Craig Ledbetter, Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

**“Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the  
LORD your God.” Joshua 23:11**

Sermon Notes:



## What Will YOU Do for Christ's Kingdom?

"In a world in which nine out of every ten people are lost, three out of four have never heard the way out, and one of every two cannot hear, the church sleeps on. Could it be we think there must be some other way? Or perhaps we don't really care that much." The Apostle Paul cared - and so should we."  
Robertson McQuilken

**"You men of God, who have resolved to devote your lives to the cure of the souls of men, here is the proper field for you. It is not to win numbers to a Church, but to win men to the Saviour, and who otherwise will be lost, that I entreat you to leave your work at home to the many who are ready to undertake it, and to come forth yourselves to reap this field now white to the harvest...We want men who will preach Jesus and the resurrection."** Alexander Mackay (1849-1890) pioneer engineer/missionary to Uganda

**"Love to Christ is proved by doing the things which He commands, and not merely saying, Lord, Lord."** C. H. Mackintosh (1820-1896) Irish preacher and Bible expositor

**"Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, above all that we ask or think. Each time, before you Intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!"** Andrew Murray

**"To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map."** William Carey, pioneering missionary to India

**"We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure in which we have received it."** P.F. Bresee

**"If we Christians loved men as merchants love money, no fierceness of people would keep us from their midst."** William Carey

**"God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him."** Hudson Taylor, missionary to China

**"The man looking at him with a smile that only half concealed his contempt, inquired, 'Now Mr. Morrison do you really expect that you will make an impression on the idolatry of the Chinese Empire?' 'No sir,' said Morrison, 'but I expect that God will.'" Robert Morrison (Missionary, Linguist, and Bible Translator to China)**

**"I need men. Consecrated men, men willing to live a lonely life for Christ, willing to suffer and do without the comforts of civilization."** J.O. Fraser's plea for workers to come and share the gospel with the Lisu people of China.

**"Whom God would use greatly He will hurt deeply."** A.W. Tozer

## Prayer List

**“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint”** Luke 18:1

This list can be used every time we get together to pray, and should be added to as we learn of individual needs and requests.

**For Salvation** (2 Pet 3:9) *“God is not willing that any should perish...”*

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**For Christian Growth** (2 Pet 3:18) *“but grow in grace”*

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**For Special Needs** (Health, Family concerns)

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**For Your Church Needs**

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**Anything Else – maybe your own needs**

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