

## **A Crisis of Leadership Joshua 1:1-18**

They pledge their support & obedience – 16  
Pledge death for those who disobey – 17-18

### **I. God Calls Joshua to Lead – 1:1-2**

1. Moses is dead  
Time to move on under new leadership  
Cannot enter the land until Moses dies  
Numbers 20:12
2. Joshua's preparation – 1:1  
"Moses' minister"  
He faithfully served under Moses  
Led Israel in conflict with Amalek – Ex. 17:8-16  
Went with Moses up Mt. Sinai – Ex. 24:13  
Was with Moses when God spoke – Ex. 33:11  
Was a spy at Kadesh-barnea – Num. 13:8, 16  
Chosen by God to lead – Num. 27:18-23
3. Joshua challenged to assume leadership  
Moses is dead but no change with God  
His plan had not changed – 1:2 – cp. Ex. 3:7-8  
His promises are the same – 1:3  
Joshua to lead into Promised Land
4. Leaders change but God does not  
Human leadership is not the key issue

### **II. God Pledges His Support – 1:3-5**

1. They will be victorious – 3-5  
God is committed to His people  
His power remains  
"Wherever you step, I will give you"  
"No enemy will be able to stand against you"
2. God will be with Joshua – 5  
God promised success and His presence  
"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you."  
"I will not fail you nor forsake you."  
Moses may be dead but God is still alive

### **III. God Calls him to Courage - 6-9**

1. Joshua will need strength & courage - 6  
God fulfills His promise but with challenges
2. Courage needed to obey God – 7  
Don't deviate from what God said  
Success promised as we obey His Word
3. Obedience requires time in God's Word – 8  
Meditate – study it over so you can obey
4. Trust & Obedience delivers from fear – 9  
God will be with you wherever you go

### **IV. God leads into Action – 10-18**

1. Joshua & leaders challenge people – 10-15  
They solicit the support of all the people  
God desires unity on the part of His people  
That includes the tribes on the east of Jordan
2. Unity based on commitment to same Lord  
Unity built upon allegiance to His Word  
Bound together determined to obey God
3. People respond to Joshua - 16-18