

## **Joshua 20- “Places of Refuge”**

A Study of

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*“Living Dut-A Courageous Faith”*

1. The Message of Refuge Cities-Jesus values your life and he values justice.
2. The Means to the Refuge Cities-The way to him is clear, there are signs, there are people to show you the way, He is always near to you, and the gates are always open.
3. The Meaning of the Refuge Cities-In Jesus we find Salvation, Support, Community, Protection, Direction and Joy.

**Here Is The Point:** We have refuge in Jesus!

### **Joshua 22- “Remember the Past. Encourage their future.”**

1. The Commendation-Support our leaders, fight for our brothers in Christ, and Obey God completely.
2. The Compensation- God rewards the faithful both in this life and the next.
3. The Caution-respect God’s word, love God, rely on God, and serve him.
4. The Controversy- be passionate about the things of God
5. The Concern- be concerned about the future generation’s relationship with God.
6. The Commemoration- take whatever steps necessary to encourage that relationship.

**Here Is The Point:** We too must be concerned about the next generation’s relationship with God!

### **Joshua 24- “Decision and Devotion”**

1. Choose to remember-what He has done, who He is
2. Choose what is right-to serve God, to remove idols, to love Him
3. Choose how you will decide-by God’s word and not emotions
4. Choose to follow through-don’t give up, finish the task

**Here Is The Point:** Remember what He has done and who He is. Choose to love and serve Him alone. Choose to pass this on to the next generation.

**Here Is The Point Of The Series:** Choose to live out a courageous faith for the glory of God!

### **Joshua 1-“Courage and Calling”**

1. The Commission-God has a unique purpose for you to fulfill.
2. The Comparison-Do not compare yourself to other callings.
3. The Covenant-God promises Victory, Presence, and Purpose.
4. The Condition-Courage, Singular Focus, and Scripture Saturation.
5. The Command- Believe and trust in God...He is with you!

**Here Is The Point:** Have courage! When God calls He will be present and provide victory!

### **Joshua 2-“An Unlikely Faith”**

1. Unlikely Person of Faith- God cares more about your future than past.
2. Unlikely Performance of Faith-Faith requires action.
3. Unlikely Profession of Faith-God alone is Sovereign and Powerful.
4. Unlikely Promise of Faith-God will show himself faithful.
5. Unlikely Payoff of Faith- The reward for faith is far greater than we imagine

**Here Is The Point:** We too must have faith in the unseen and the courage to take the first steps!

### **Joshua 3-“Overcoming Obstacles”**

1. The Call- God invites people to step into the unknown and follow him. (The Temptation is to run back to familiar.)
2. The Command- don’t get ahead of God, but do prepare. (Temptation is to run ahead.)
3. The Crossing- the point of your faithful obedience is God’s glory. (Temptation for an easier way.)
4. The Commitment-obey and trust God. (Temptation is to delay when God calls and wait for a better time.)

**Here Is The Point:** Overcoming obstacles in life requires a courageous and patient faith!

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#### **Joshua 4- "What do these stones mean?"**

1. The Need for Memorials- God himself has set up specific memorials for his people.
2. The Purpose of Memorials- Memorials are set up to remind us and to create opportunities to teach others.
3. The Message of Memorials- Man's Obedience, God's Faithfulness, and God's Power.

**Here Is The Point:** Memorials are needed reminders of God's faithfulness, and power!

#### **Joshua 5- "Preparing for Victory"**

1. Time of Rededication- A time where a person commits themselves to God for whatever the task.
  2. Time of Reliance- A time where a person must wholly trust on God and not themselves.
  3. Time of Release- A time where a person lets go of the "curse of words" and their past mistakes to look to the future.
  4. Time of Remembrance- A time where a person remembers how God has shown himself faithful in the past.
  5. Time of Radical Change- A time where a person embraces the new things that God brings into their life
- Here Is The Point:** Preparation is where the battle is truly won!

#### **Joshua 7- "From Triumph to Tragedy"**

1. Secret sin is not really secret- God knows all that we do.
2. Secret sin affects others- No person sins in a bubble.
3. Secret sin doesn't remain a secret- Secret sin must come to light.
4. Secret sin has a progression-He saw, He Coveted, He Took, He Hid
5. Secret sin has consequences-Unrepentant sin always has a cost.

**Here Is The Point:** Ongoing unrepentant secret sin is detrimental to a movement of God!

#### **Joshua 8- "Moving Forward Again"**

1. Listen to God's Voice- He has forgiven, will encourage, will use you, and will bless you.
2. Return to the point of failure- don't run away, seek restoration.
3. Follow his direction- obedience is the key to victory
4. Realize it is a new day-It is not going to be the same as before

#### **Joshua 9- "The Subtle Attack"**

1. Be aware of the types of opposition- both direct and subtle.
2. Be aware of the strategy of opposition-looks good, sounds good.
3. Be aware of apprehension- God has given us His Spirit to guide.
4. Be aware of your need for Godly counsel- seek His Word.
5. Be aware of restoration- immediately begin to do right again.

#### **Joshua 10- "A day like no other"**

1. Continue to Do Right-circumstances don't change what is right.
2. Trust God's promises-take God's Word and believe it!
3. Don't Delay Obedience- when God says do something, act immediately.
4. Trust God's Power-God will not ask something and fail to come through.
5. Join the Lord's Work-God is already at work around you.
6. Pray a bold prayer-when we ask in His will, He will answer.
7. Look for a day like no other-God is still in the business of answering prayers

**Here Is The Point:** God still answers bold faithful prayers!

#### **Joshua 14- "Vision fulfilled"**

1. Caleb's Commission- God has a calling for your life...a vision for you to fulfill.
2. Caleb's Faithfulness- remain faithful to your calling no matter how long or circumstance
3. Caleb's Character- follow his example in conviction, courage, commitment, confidence, and charity.
4. Caleb's Comfort- God will keep his promises...the vision will be fulfilled

**Here Is The Point:** Courageous faith will be rewarded!

#### **Joshua 15- "The Promised Land"**

1. Endure until victory-victory takes time.
2. Renew and Remember- renew your relationship with God and remember his love, promises, power, and plan
3. **Here Is The Point:** One defeat or setback does not define you, restoration is possible!