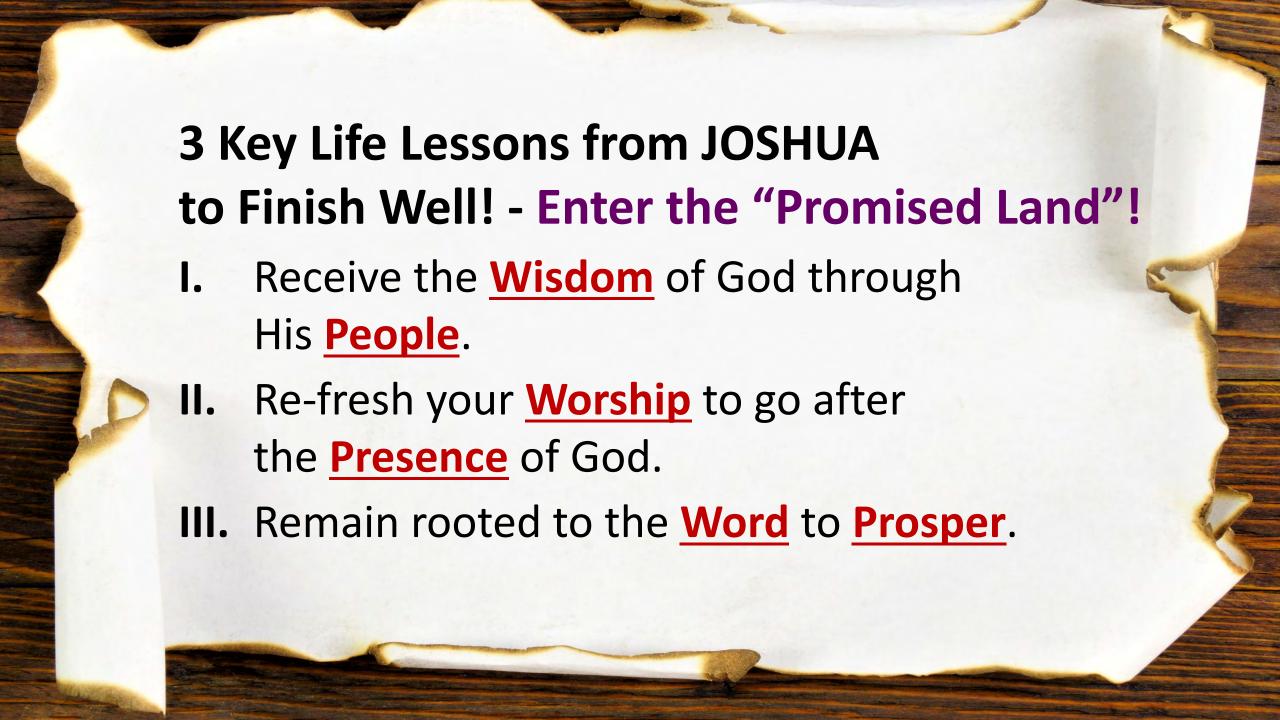
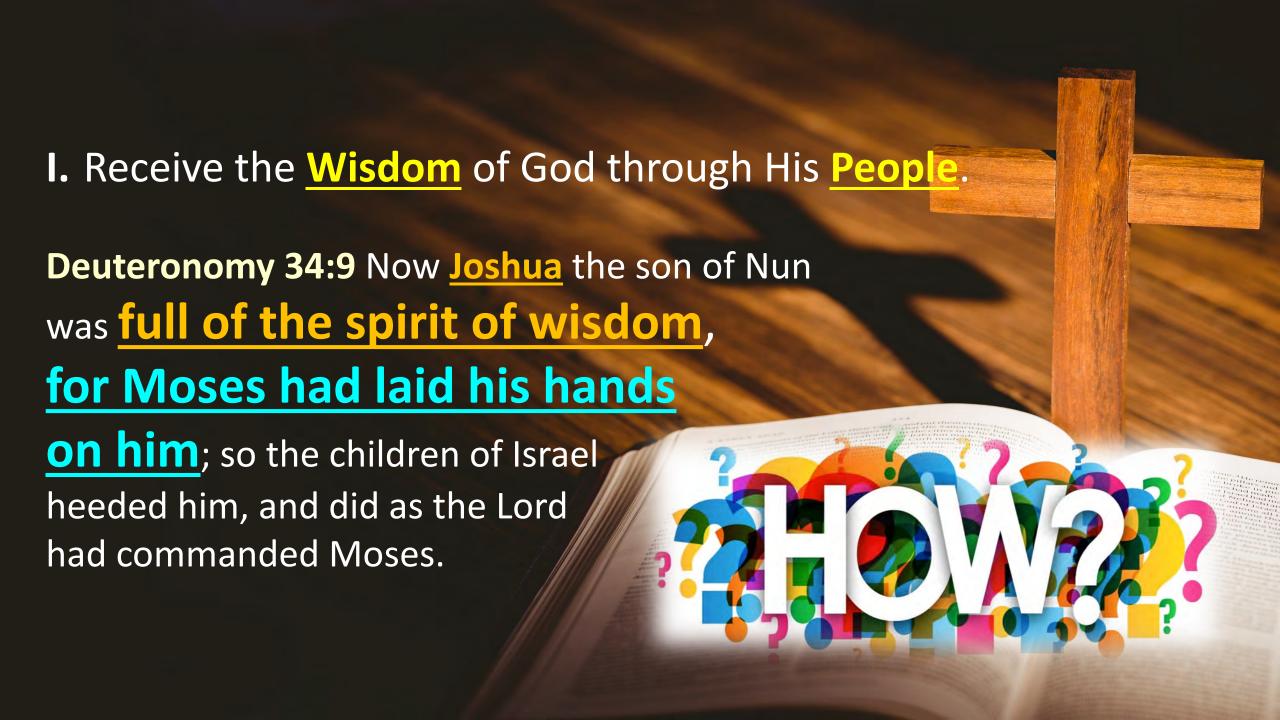
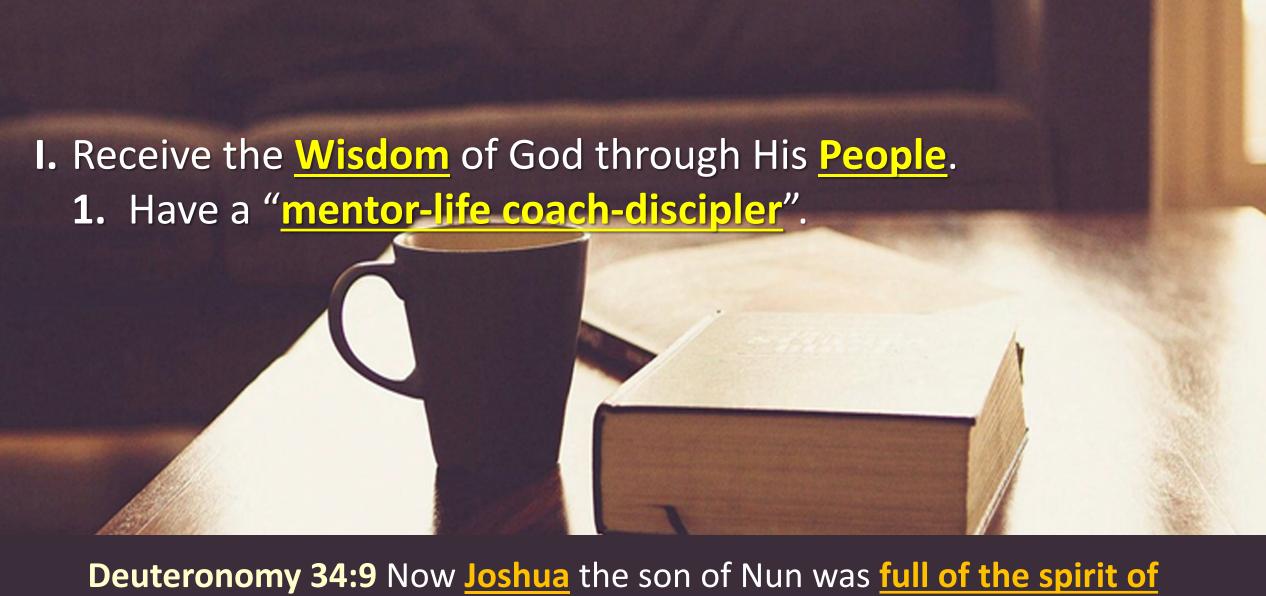


# To Finish Well as we live in today's perilous end-times









**Deuteronomy 34:9** Now <u>Joshua</u> the son of Nun was <u>full of the spirit of wisdom</u>, <u>for Moses had laid his hands on him</u>; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

1. Have a "mentor-life coach-discipler".

#### Numbers 27:18-21

18 And the Lord said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; 19 set him before

Eleazar the priest (Son of Aaron; contemporary of J) and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. 20 And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. 21 He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the Lord for him by the judgment of the Urim ...



Deuteronomy 1:38 <u>Joshua</u> the son of Nun, <u>who stands before you</u> (Moses), he shall go in there. <u>Encourage him</u>, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

**Deuteronomy 3:28** But **command** 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 you will see.'

- I. Receive the Wisdom of God through His People.
  - 2. Have such people who can speak into our lives.

Moses → Joshua

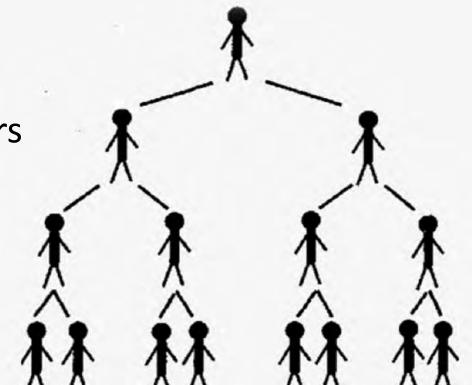
Elijah  $\rightarrow$  Elisha

Mordecai – Esther

Jesus Christ – the 12 – the 3

Paul → Timothy – Faithful Men – Others

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things you have <a href="heard">heard</a>
me say in the <a href="presence of many witnesses">presence of many witnesses</a>
entrust to <a href="reliable men">reliable men</a> who will also be qualified to <a href="teach others">teach others</a>.



- I. Receive the Wisdom of God through His People.
  - 3. The source of God's Wisdom is from the Holy Spirit.

Acts 6:3 therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may

appoint over this business.

LUKE 21:7

2 Timothy 1:7 – Wisdom = Sound Mind

Isaiah 11:2 - 7 fold = Spirit of the Lord - the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding

20:19 teachers of the law. The "scribes." For their opposi- 20:28 the man must marry the widow. The levirate law

defenseless group by fraud and schemes for selfish gain. Matthew gives the question in a fuller form, including an punished most severely. Cf. 12:47-48. The higher the es-inquiry for the sign of Jesus' coming and the end of the age

- I. Receive the Wisdom of God through His People.
  - 4. Be diligent to always seek His Wisdom.

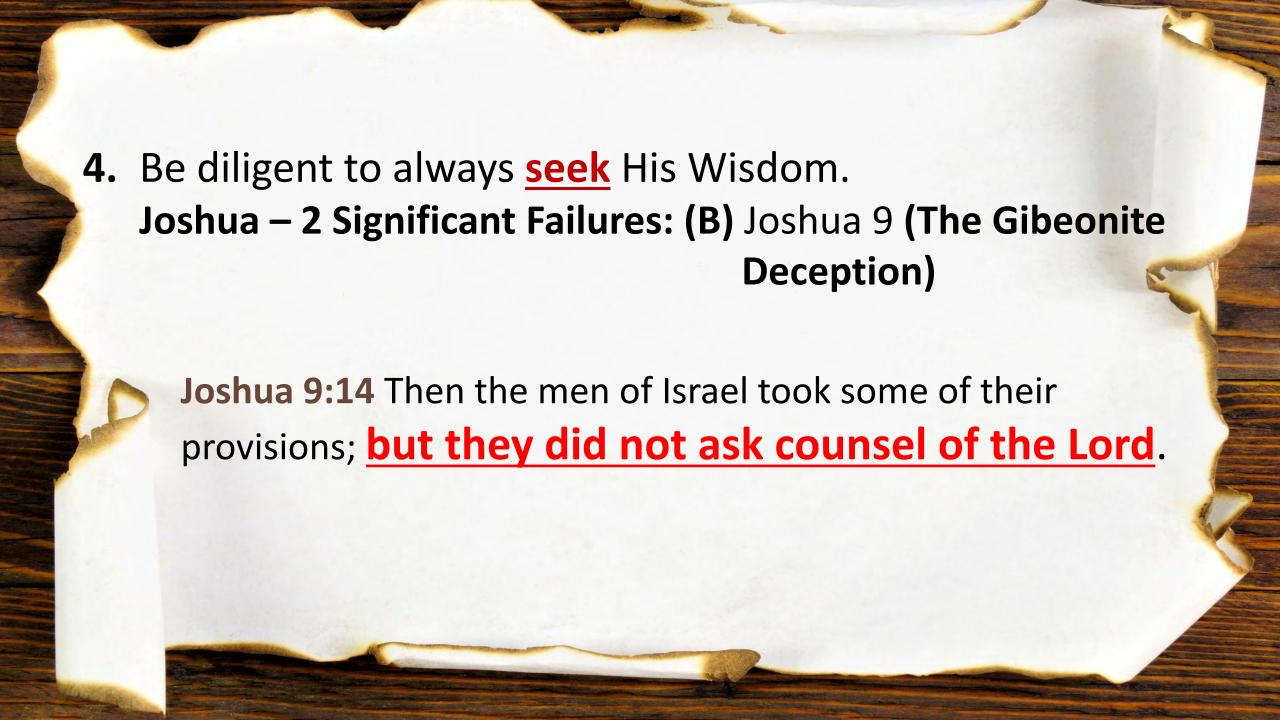
#### **Ephesians 5:15, 17**

- 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise ...
- 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

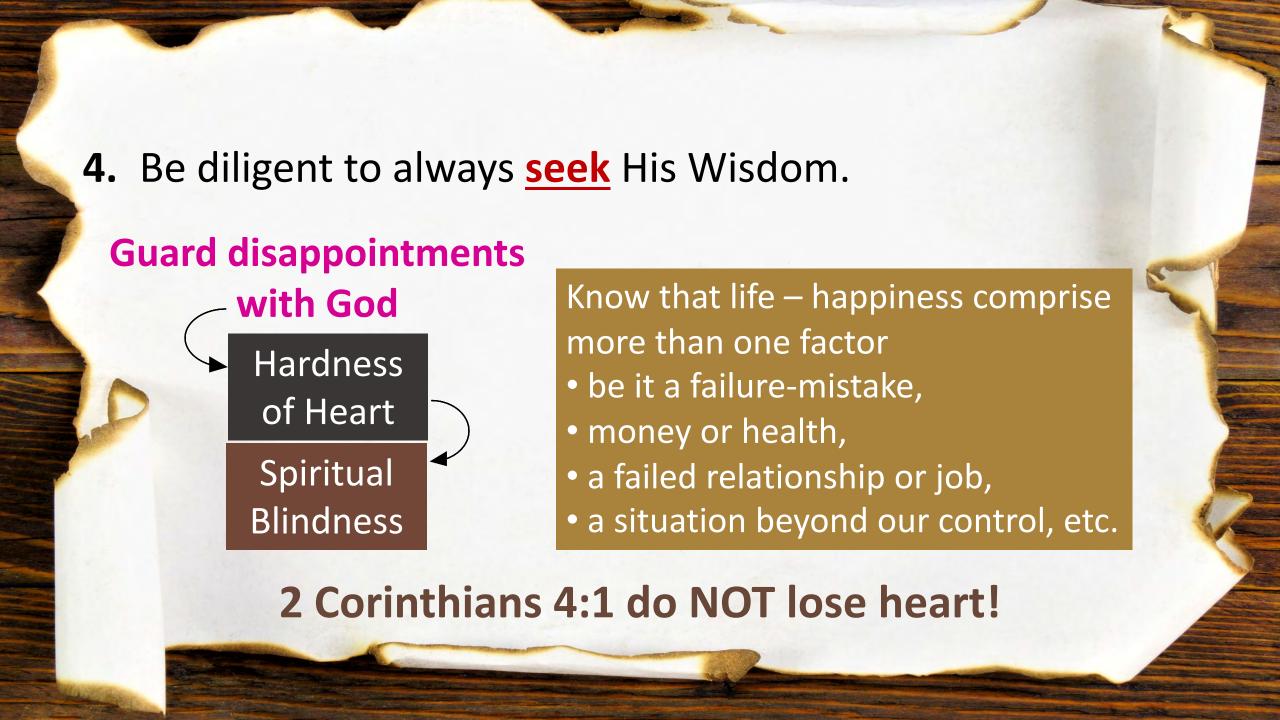
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 Joshua – 2 Significant Failures: (A) Joshua 7 (The Battle of Ai)

Joshua 7:11-12

11 Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which hommanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.







4. Be diligent to always seek His Wisdom.

Handling SAF		
STRESS	ANXIETIES	FEARS
Philippians 4:13	Philippians 4:6-7	1 John 4:18
Nehemiah 8:10	1 Peter 5:7	2 Timothy 1:7
Psalm 16:11	Matthew 11:28-30	Psalm 27:1
Psalm 100:4		



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No offenses

Pursue guilt-free No condemnation relationship with God

No condemnation- comparison- competition but encouragement always

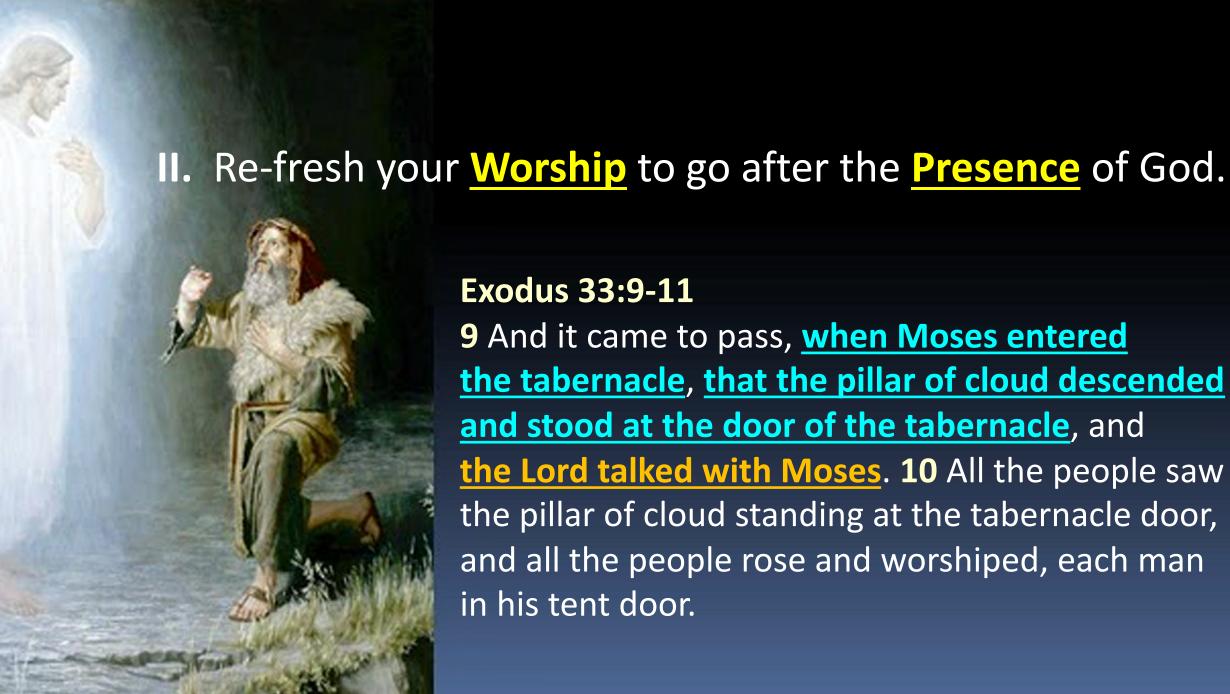
Relationship takes time to build – energy, effort, intentionality ...

Win the War; Choose the battles to fight

Physical Body - RED+Word of Life + Spirit of Life

Unity is the highest value







- II. Re-fresh your Worship to go after the Presence of God.
  - Joshua observed, studied Moses who went after the Presence of God.

Exodus 33:15 – Joshua learned from Moses

15 Then he (Moses) said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.

Deuteronomy 34:10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.

II. Re-fresh your Worship to go after the Presence of God.

HOW?

1. Separate to God as a true worshipper always.



Seeking after God – 2 aspects: Separate FROM (the Don'ts with the struggles) AND Separate TO (God)



John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

How to be a true worshipper?

# Steps in our journey as a worshipper of God

- A. <u>Decide</u> to worship God.
- B. Always be guided by the Word and the Spirit of Truth.
- C. Know we have <u>right standing</u> with God (Blood of Christ and through Jesus, our High Priest).
- D. Cast all our cares and anxieties to the Lord.

# Steps in our journey as a worshipper of God

- E. With thanksgiving (Psalm 100:4-5).
- F. With praise (Hebrews 13:15).
- G. With worship

The ultimate act of worship is surrender-obedience.

Life Lesson from JACOB – Genesis 28 to 35 – Bethel

**BROKENNESS** – Surrender – Isaiah 57:15

The ultimate act of worship is surrender-obedience.

Joshua 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" 14 So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" 15 Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

The ultimate act of worship is **surrender-obedience**.

Victory comes from obedience to the Lord's instructions. Joshua 3 – Crossing River Jordan

- Joshua led Israel to cross the River Jordan at FLOOD stage!
- most dangerous and impossible

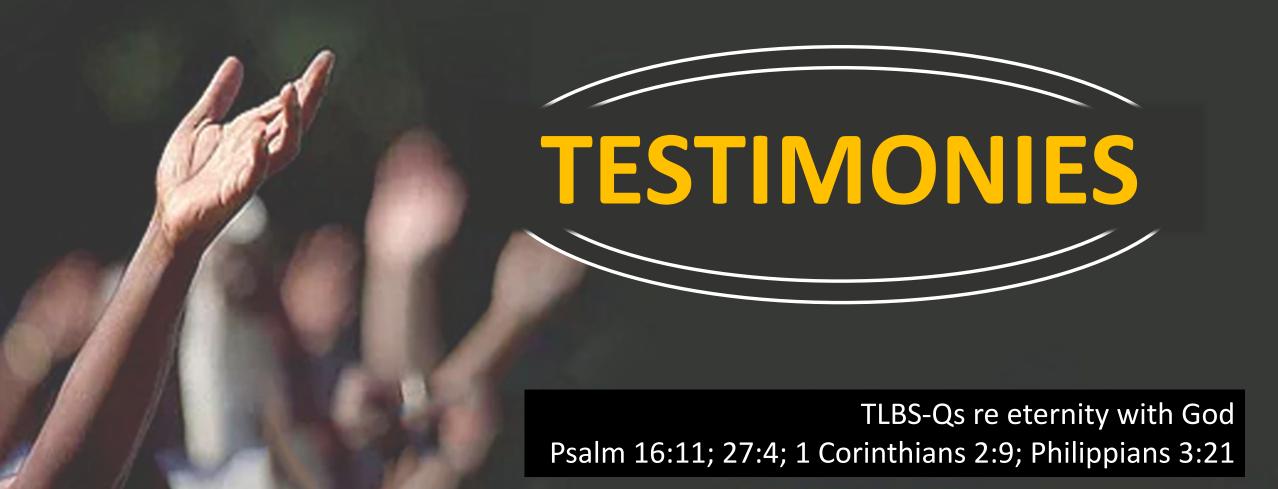
Joshua 6 - Conquering Jericho

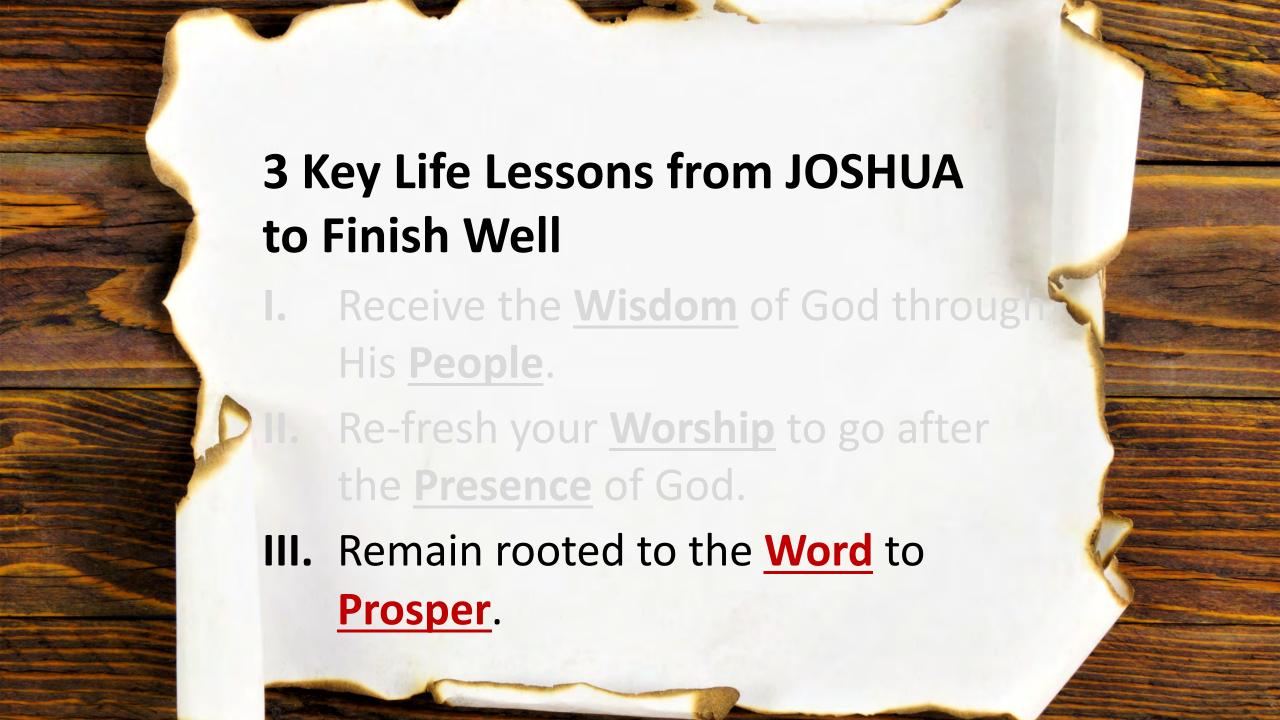
Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

- II. Re-fresh your Worship to go after the Presence of God.
  - 2. As we pursue the Presence of God, we will be transformed.
    - > We will be changed into His image (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).
    - > We grow from strength to strength (Psalm 84:7).
    - We grow in faith (Romans 1:17).
    - > We receive grace upon grace (John 1:16).

Refreshed → Re-charged → Rejuvenated → Re-booted → Reinvigorated → Renewed → Revived

II. Re-fresh your Worship to go after the Presence of God.





# III. Remain rooted to the Word to Prosper.

Joshua prosperedsucceeded in life as
he meditated,
applied
and confessed
the Word in daily living.

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from

your mouth, but you shall

meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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#### Joshua 8:32, 34-35

**32** And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he (Joshua) wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.

34 And afterward he <u>read</u> all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. 35 <u>There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the <u>strangers</u> who were living among them.</u>

Joshua 10:8-14 (Miracle because Joshua heeded the Word!) 8 And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." (PROMISE) 9 Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal. 10 So the Lord routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

Joshua 10:8-14 (Miracle because Joshua heeded the Word!) 12 Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." 13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. 14 And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.

Joshua 23:6-10 (Joshua's Farewell Address to the Nation) 6 Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, 7 and lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause anyone to swear by them; you shall not serve them nor bow down to them, 8 but you shall hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day. 9 For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but as for you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you.

III. Remain rooted to the **Word** to **Prosper**.

John 15:7 If you <u>abide in Me</u>, and <u>My WOrdS abide in you</u>, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

abide – remain – dwell – stay – rooted

Matthew 7:24-25; 2 Corinthians 4:13

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Life Lesson from ABRAHAM

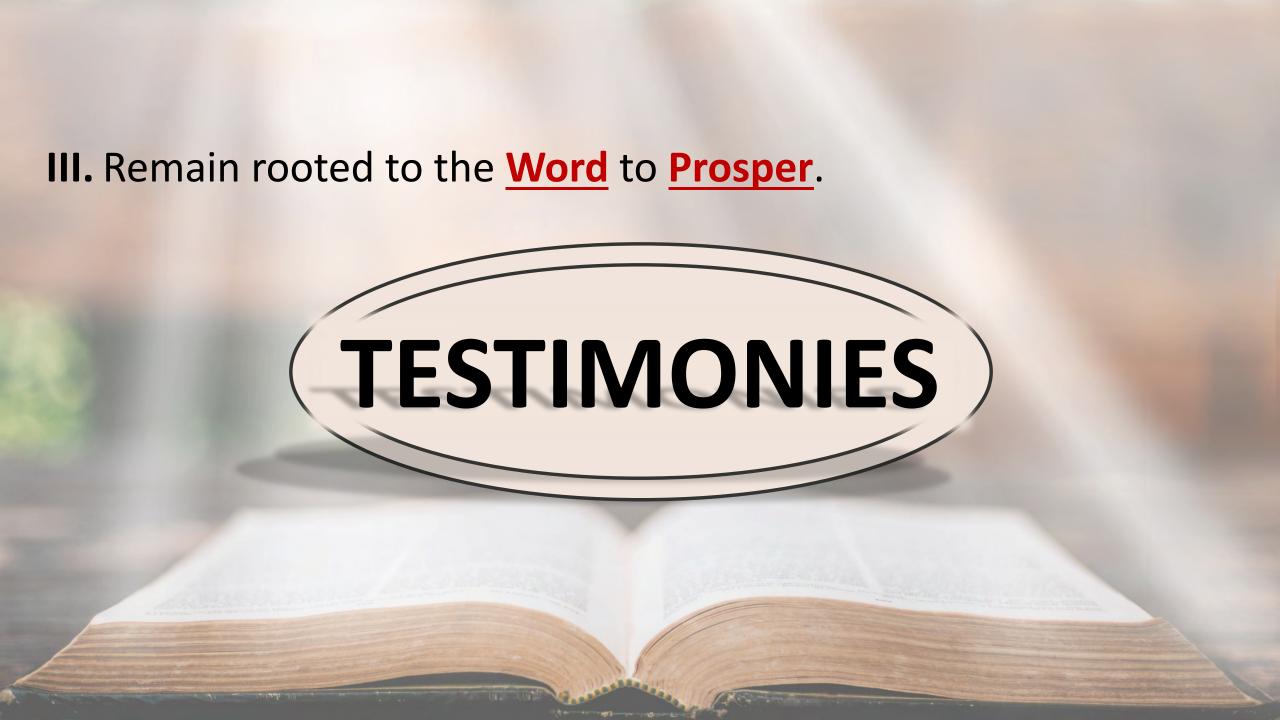
He believed (the Word of) God and it was credited to him as righteousness!

# Life Lesson from JOSEPH

He believed (the Covenant-Promises of) God

- re his bones to the Promised Land (Genesis 50:24-25
- Hebrews 11:22).





## **Bottom Line: Joshua finished well!**

Joshua 1:5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life.

Joshua 4:14 Israel revered Joshua all the days of his life.

Joshua 24:31 Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and even the elders who outlived him.

### **Bottom Line: Joshua finished well!**

- Do you want to finish well? Thrive? Or just survive current crisis?
- Are you constantly stressed out/fatigued? (survey), anxious? fearful?
- Are you currently facing failures/made mistakes in some areas of life?
- Have you crowded God out of your life? Or are you pursuing Him?
- Do you have people in regular fellowship/encouragement/wisdom?
- Is God's Word and Promises personal and real to you? (Luke 18:8; Jude3, 20)

