

# GROWTHguide

## "Step Out In Faith"

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### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Joshua 1, Joshua 3:1-4, Joshua 3:5-17,  
Hebrews 11:1-13, Exodus 16:2-3

### DAY 1

#### Read [Joshua 1](#)

The direction of a seasoned leader brings confidence to those following. With the death of Moses, why do you feel God reiterates to Joshua the need to have courage as he assumes the new role as Moses' successor?

- **What is it that makes us want to follow a leader?**
- **What qualities does a good leader possess?**
- **Even when tough decisions are made by the leader or the leader's direction seems counter-intuitive, how do we know we are still to follow them?**

God made a certain promise to Joshua and it had to do with fulfilling an earlier promise made to Moses.

- **What was it? How do you think Joshua felt when he was called upon to be the leader?**

Faith plays a major role in everything we do as believers.

- **How do you think Joshua was going to demonstrate his faithfulness in this new role?**

## DAY 2

Read [Joshua 3:1-4](#)

The ark of the covenant was the symbol of God's presence and using it as a tool to lead the people became important.

- **Why do you feel it is important to be reminded of God's presence when something difficult is being asked of you?**
- **What kind of things help you to be assured that God is with you and will not abandon you in times of decision making and stepping out in faith?**

Most of us come to a place in life that requires us to make a decision on which path to take. As creatures of habit we prefer to travel the safe path we are more comfortable with, but in order to live into a deeper trust in God, we are often asked to take the more difficult path. Think about a time when this happened to you.

- **How did you discern the path to take?**
- **In what ways were you assured it was God leading you?**

## DAY 3

Read [Joshua 3:5-17](#)

- **What does it mean when Joshua tells the people to "purify" themselves?**
- **Will God only act once the people act first?**
- **What does this say about the people?**

Distractions can make it more difficult for us to see clearly when it comes to making a decision for life's direction.

- **What distractions do you encounter?**
- **What kinds of things distract you from being faithful in following God?**

Fear can cause you to miss out on God's plan for your life. When we become afraid we lose sight of God and focus solely upon ourselves. As you think about your life, are there any times when fear has caused you to not be faithful in following God's plan?

## **DAY 4**

**Read [Hebrews 11:1-13](#)**

When God makes a promise, he is always faithful. Sometimes the fulfillment of those promises may not be in the way or the time we hope, but God always has a purpose. Think of something you are hopeful for that hasn't happened yet.

- **In what ways can you see God's work in your life taking you in a different direction that ultimately has a bigger impact and better result than what you were thinking?**

Each of the people in this reading had faith.

- **Why was faith so important to them? How can you relate to them?**
- **How are you different?**
- **What made them become people of such great faith?**

## **DAY 5**

**Read [Exodus 16:2-3](#)**

Sometimes the only way to realize the dream or miracle God desires us to have, is for us to surrender our negativism when we haven't attained it yet.

- **Why is it most people will gravitate to a negative response versus one that is positive?**

Being led into life's desert is a familiar move for most of us.

- **What lessons do we learn while in the desert?**
- **How does this experience impact our faith and faithfulness?**
- **What is happening in your life right now that has you grumbling at God or even one who is in leadership?**
- **What can you do to change your attitude?**
- **In what ways can you possibly let go of your biggest hope and have faith that what God has for you is far better?**

Note the steps you will take to begin living a life of greater faith.

## DAY 6

Today is a day of reflection. Spend some time away from distractions and focused on God. Ask him to help you to choose the difficult path when necessary, and to have the patience to wait for his promises to be fulfilled. Ask him to help you have faith in him and his purpose for you.

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