

# The Promised Land



DailyLife  
Five Oaks Church

Week 3: March 25–31, 2017

# *Day 1*

*March 27*



*Pray / For those who take risks for their faith in Christ.*

GOD KNOWS EXACTLY what his mission is. Throughout the history of his mission, he has repeatedly used unlikely people to perform accomplishments.

Everything God ever has done is for our eternal benefit. God has provided us, as sinners, a path to his kingdom through his son, Jesus Christ. Everything in God's story points to Jesus Christ's ministry while here on Earth, and his impending return. Today's passage is a great example of God's saving grace permeating a person whom many would have considered an enemy.



*Read / Joshua 2*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

Rahab was a prostitute and was not an Israelite, yet God allowed her to take massive role in accomplishing his mission. Rahab is even mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in the New Testament. What does this tell you about God's character?

Think of all the people you have encountered in your life. Is there anyone that has encouraged you in your faith that you would not have expected to do so? Explain.

How can you use the story of Rahab to encourage others in their faith journey?

# *Day 2*

*March 28*



*Pray / Give thanks to God for taking action on your behalf.*

GOD PREPARES EVERYTHING for his people, and he prepares his people for everything.

Sometimes God uses ordinary ways to prepare us and sometimes he uses extraordinary ways. Today's reading involves God working in a very extraordinary way and he allows a group of very ordinary people to work in cooperation with him. If we are willing to let God work in our lives, the results can be amazing, even miraculous.



*Read / Joshua 3*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

In verse 5, Joshua tells his people to consecrate themselves to prepare for God's amazing wonders that would be done the following day. How have you consecrated or prepared yourself for God to work in you?

Maintaining faith in Jesus Christ often requires a cooperative effort among many people. What do you think are some of the strengths and weaknesses of the Christian church as far as working together to bring others to faith?

In what ways has God used you to accomplish his mission?

# *Day 3*

*March 29*



*Pray / For future generations to love God.*

SHARING GOD'S WORK in your life with others, especially children, is an important aspect of being a follower of Christ.

Whether you have children of your own or not, it is essential to share God's works with them. Remembering God's works, his miracles and his mission must be fresh in everyone's mind for the rest of eternity. A cursory read through the bible will reveal several times where God reminds his people of what he has provided, his victories, and his promise of salvation.



*Read / Joshua 4*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

One of the most important ways to share God with others is give a testimony of how God has worked in your life. Describe a personal testimony of God's work that you have share with others?

Sometimes sharing God's word with others can be difficult or even embarrassing. What obstacles make it difficult to share your testimony?

Think of any items in your home that you have set up to remind you of God's presence such as; a bible displayed, a piece of art, or a picture of a bible verse. Why do these items help you remember God?

# *Day 4*

*March 30*



*Pray / For encouragement for your faith leaders.*

GOD RECOGNIZES OUR needs. Today's reading is immensely important to the story of God.

Joshua is preparing his already exhausted people to conquer a major city, Jericho. God shows up in an amazing way. It is thought by many Bible scholars and historians that today's verses indicate an Old Testament appearance of a Christlike figure or even Chris himself!



*Read / Joshua 5:13–15*





*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

What do you think the “commander of the army of the LORD” represented to Joshua at that time, and what he is to today’s Christians?

The appearance of the commander of the army of the LORD helped prepare the Israelites for their upcoming battle. How has God showed up in your life to help you prepare for your battles?

Imagine you are Joshua leading the Israelites into many battles and eventually to the Promised Land. How would you have reacted to the appearance of the commander of the army of the LORD?

# Day 5

March 31



*Pray / Pray for opportunities to spread the gospel.*

GOD GIVES US everything we need. Today's reading indicates the Israelites were able to conquer Jericho, but not without God's presence.

Today's society seems to be removing God's presence from everyday life, little by little. Idolatry and disobedience to God are very prominent. However, God is still just as present and prominent as he ever was. He is still holding his created universe together. Our hearts must be open to God's presence, and we must accept Jesus Christ as our Savior.

God was so gracious to Joshua and his people during these times, and Joshua demonstrated great obedience. If Joshua had pushed God out and went his own way, the results would have been devastating.



*Read / Joshua 6*



*Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.*

In verse 16, Joshua tells the Israelites, “Shout, for the LORD has given you this city.” What do you think was the significance of this statement for the Israelites in this instance?

God commanded Joshua to have the Israelites wait seven days before carrying out their attack. Why is it important to obey God when he calls you for patience?

The Israelite priests carried the ark of the covenant with them through the battle for Jericho. The ark was a symbol of the Lord’s presence. God’s Word, the Bible, can be considered a modern-day “ark,” guiding followers of Christ to a place in God’s eternal kingdom. Explain how important the Bible has been in your faith journey.

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