

OUT OF THE WILDERNESS:

JOSHUA – “But wasn’t my fault!”

Various Scripture Selections on Joshua

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JOSHUA

He was best known for...

- Crossing the JORDAN River
- The battle of JEHRICHO

JOSHUA’S BACK STORY

- Born during Israel’s SLAVERY in Egypt
- Lived through the Egyptian PLAGUES
- Walked through the RED SEA on dry land
- Witnessed the CONSEQUENCES of disobedience and idolatry.
- Saw the PRESENCE of God
- Witnessed the POWER of God
- Experienced the PROTECTION of God
- Enjoyed the PROVISION of God

Joshua is first mentioned in the battle in the wilderness with AMALEK. – Exodus 17:8-14

Three Firsts for Joshua:

1. He led the Israelites in the first BATTLE after Egypt
2. He experienced the first God-empowered FIGHTING against Israel’s enemy.
God was PREPARING him for future leadership.
3. Joshua was one of the first to enter the PROMISED LAND after leaving Egypt.

Joshua lived in the wilderness of “It’s not FAIR!”

However, he never had that attitude.

What was Joshua’s response to the punishment on Israel that was not his fault?

1. He accepts God’s JUDGEMENT
 - Recognizing that God is the JUST JUDGE
2. He follows God’s DIRECTION
 - Recognizing that God is OMNISCIENT
He knows all and He knows what is BEST.
3. He supports God’s LEADER
 - Recognizing that God had APPOINTED Moses to lead.
4. He prepared for God’s PROMISE
 - Recognizing that God had PLANNED a future for them

However, knowing that the future would not be easy...

5. He kept his eyes on the PRIZE.

WHAT ABOUT US?

How do we react when we think life is UNFAIR?

1. Do we recognize that God is in CONTROL and we are not?
2. Do we recognize that God knows what is BEST and we may not?
3. Do we recognize that God has a GLORIOUS future for us, if we trust in Him as our Savior?

Even though getting there may be PAINFUL, keep your eyes on the PRIZE!

Jesus took our punishment on Himself, so that we could gain ETERNAL LIFE! He never said, “That’s not fair,” while suffering for our sins.