



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### THE NARROW SCHEMATIC READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

## JOSHUA 1:1-5

Imagine how intimidated Joshua must have felt when Moses passed away. His hero and mentor was gone, and now he was given leadership of the young nation. But here, we see that the work of God does not depend on one leader or generation. Rather, it depends upon God, who raises up new leaders in each generation. God will be with you, just as He has been with previous generations. Be strong and courageous, and take new territory for God's kingdom with your life.

WHO ARE YOU LEARNING FROM AND LOOKING UP TO AS A SPIRITUAL LEADER?

HOW CAN YOU STEP UP AS A LEADER AMONG YOUR PEERS?

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM BEING THE EXAMPLE AND LEADER GOD WANTS YOU TO BE?

**DAY 02**

**JOSHUA 1:6-9**

WHAT HOLDS US BACK FROM MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE?

HOW CAN WE HELP EACH OTHER CREATE A HABIT OF SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION?

WHAT ARE SOME VERSES YOU WOULD CHOOSE TO START YOUR MEMORIZATION JOURNEY?

Memorizing Scripture builds a spiritual base you can draw upon for wisdom and encouragement. Maybe start with a verse a week, then a paragraph, and then a chapter. There are apps that help with verse memorization or you can set a verse to be the lockscreen on your phone. Or, write out the verse or section you are trying to memorize and place it somewhere you'll see it on a regular basis. Read it again and again. Memorize a passage with your group from church, with a family member, or with a friend to help each other develop this spiritual habit.

**DAY 03**

**JOSHUA 1:10-11**

When you go on a trip, do you start setting your things out a few days in advance, or do you do it the morning you leave? Joshua instructed the Israelites to prepare three days ahead of their journey across the Jordan River. If you are going to walk into the future God desires for you, it takes preparation. You need to prepare your character, habits, beliefs, and priorities. Don't wait until you're an adult to prepare yourself spiritually. This is the time to prepare, develop, and grow. Ask God to begin preparing you today for the future He has planned.

WHAT IS GOD USING TO PREPARE AND DEVELOP YOUR CHARACTER?

WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO PREPARE SPIRITUALLY FOR THE FUTURE?

WHAT HABITS NOW WILL SET YOU UP FOR SUCCESS DOWN THE ROAD?

DAY 01

# JOSHUA 1:12-15

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU INTENTIONALLY PUT SOMEONE ELSE FIRST?

WHO COULD YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HELP AND SERVE?

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM PUTTING OTHERS FIRST?

The inheritance for some of the Israelites was on the east side of the Jordan River, meaning they did not need to cross over to possess their promised land. Nonetheless, Joshua commanded them to help their fellow Israelites take possession of their inheritance as well. Our tendency can be to put ourselves first and think selfishly, but here, they put others before themselves. They did not rest until the other Israelites could as well. Be challenged by their example and put others first today.

DAY 05

# JOSHUA 1:16-18

We all have allegiances. The Israelites pledged their allegiance to Joshua. They were committed to following him anywhere. We should have that same kind of allegiance to Jesus. Pray their words to the Lord today—“Everything you have commanded us we will do and everything you send us, we will go” (Josh 1:16). The Israelites concluded with a challenge to Joshua—“Be strong and courageous” (Josh 1:18). Be strong and motivating your spiritual leaders and teachers as well. Follow Jesus in everything and encourage the leaders he has put in your life.

WHAT OR WHO HAS YOUR ALLEGIANCE (TRIVIAL LIKE SPORTS & SERIOUS LIKE BELIEFS)?

HOW SHOULD YOU BE OBEYING JESUS MORE FULLY?

HOW CAN YOU ENCOURAGE YOUR PARENTS, PASTORS, TEACHERS, COACHES, ETC.?