

I. The faith to believe God's promises (1:1-9)

A. Joshua was called to believe God will give them the land

"...Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised." (Romans 4:29)

B. Joshua was called to believe God will be with him

"When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, will be with you." (Deuteronomy 20:1)

C. Joshua was called to believe God would work through him

II. The faith to obey God (3:7-17)

\*Picture of Jordan River

A. The Lord told them to cross the flooding river

\*Video of flooding River

B. The Lord told them to take the first step of faith

C. The Lord miraculously provided a way

D. The people obeyed God

III. The faith to surrender to God (5:13-15)

A. The Lord appeared to Joshua

B. The Lord declared that he was in charge

C. Joshua surrendered to the Lord's leadership

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

D. Joshua worshipped the Lord

IV. The faith to accept God's plan (6:1-5)

A. Joshua was encouraged to see the battle won

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

B. Joshua was told the unusual battle plan

C. Joshua carried out the plan of God

\*Picture of ruins of Jericho

D. Joshua enjoyed a great victory

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people marched around them for seven days.” (Hebrews 11:30)

V. The faith to influence others (24:14-15)

A. Joshua told the people to fear God

“Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that I might go well with them and their children forever!” (Deuteronomy 5:29)

B. Joshua told the people to serve God only

C. Joshua was an example of one who trusted God