

# Joshua

## Part 5 – Ready, Set, I will Go

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Speed is everything – Huntsville drivers

- This chapter is the slow guy in the fast lane but needed for us

#### Ready: Circumcision

- Absolute Obedience
  - It was painful
    - The things God asks us to do aren't always pleasant – emotional, physical, relational toll
    - Forgiveness – Patience – Purity – Generosity
  - It seemed unnecessary
    - It did not make sense, but what they would come to see is that God was ensuring they knew that this was a spiritual campaign, not a military one – no separation between holy and common
- Amputated Shame
  - Dads may be ignorant – wanting God's best but unsure how to include kids into God's covenant
  - Dads may have shirked responsibility – too busy in the wilderness to bring kids into covenant
  - Dads may have rebelled and brought wrath down – but there is a new start
  - They would do what their fathers failed to do

#### Set: Passover

- Salvation is for celebrating
  - Reminder – God has done it before and He will do it again
  - Rhythm – our hearts are prone to forgetting, to wandering – so a regular rhythm brings us back
  - Worship – God desires that our hearts stay connected to Him
    - Deuteronomy 8.3-16
- God never stops providing for His children
  - He didn't stop the manna because He was mad – He stopped because they were home
  - The manna stopped but God's provision didn't – He had already provided and prepared a place
  - It may not look the same, but it's provision nonetheless

Through both, God says: “You ARE my people”

- May not have started smoothly but that doesn't change the relationship

### **Go: Commander**

- Power – He wasn't there to take sides but to take over
  - It's not about who Joshua was but who God is
- Praise – He received what was due Him
- Presence – He was going with them
  - Deuteronomy 20.1

### Questions for Discussion

1. When you hear the word "Adventure," what is the first thing that comes to mind? Have you ever had something you would consider an adventure? What (if anything) did you get ready for it?
2. Painful obedience is sometimes necessary when following Jesus. What is an example of painful obedience in your life?
3. In what ways can you identify how your relationship with your dad has impacted your relationship with God?
4. Re-read Deuteronomy 8.3-16. What sticks out among the promises and warnings from God?
5. Do you respond well to a God who shows up with sword drawn? What all might the vision of Joshua tell us about God? Where does that intersect your life?