<u>Joshua 1:9</u>

The legacy of God's Faithful

Question: What kind of legacy will you hope to leave behind? What long lasting impact will your life have on others?

Joshua is best known as Moses' second in command who takes over and leads the Israelites into the Promised Land after Moses' death. <u>Deuteronomy 34:1-4</u>

Long after, God showed Moses the Promised Land from the top of Mount Abram. He told Moses that he would not be entering the Promised Land. Moses responded by asking God to appoint a man over the congregation <u>Numbers 27:12-23</u>

We first find Joshua called upon by Moses not long after leaving Egypt Exodus 17:8-16

Joshua's leadership qualities can be seen in his rock-solid faith. <u>Numbers 13:17-18, 26-33</u> <u>Numbers 14:6-9</u>

Later, as Moses was called up upon Mount Sinai a second time, he took Joshua with him as his minister (Exodus 24:13).

Joshua continued to serve as a minister, or servant, to Moses that proved not only his devotion to Moses, but also to God <u>Exodus 33:11</u>; <u>Numbers 11:25-30</u>.

When Moses came down off Mount Sinai another time after receiving the law engraved in stones by God it was Joshua, who accompanied him, that first noticed the noise coming from the Israelite camp as they were singing and dancing while they worshiped a golden calf Exodus 32:15-19

Joshua's legacy

Joshua was a servant: Exodus 24:13; Exodus 33:11; Numbers 11:25-30

Joshua was a man of great faith: Joshua 7:6-26;

Joshua was a man of great courage: Exodus 17:8-16;

Joshua was a Godly leader that inspired holiness: Judges 2:9

Joshua was a prophet: Joshua 6:26; 1 Kings 16:34

It is also a type that points to the ultimate redemption that Jesus brings to the community of faith. Like Moses, Jesus delivered us from bondage and slavery to sin, and, like Joshua, Jesus will bring us into the eternal Promised Land and everlasting Sabbath rest <u>Hebrews 4:8-10</u>

The primary lesson to draw from Joshua's life is that God is faithful to His promises. God promised Abraham that his descendants would dwell in the land, and, under Joshua, God brought the people into the land that He had promised to give to them.

So, what can we learn from Joshua's life? Can we draw principles for leadership from his life? Sure. Joshua's faithfulness, <u>Joshua 24:15</u>.