



## JOSHUA SERIES – PART 1

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### WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **We Praise You** (*Bethel Music*)
- **Reign Above It All** (*Bethel Music*)
- **Who Else** (*Gateway Worship*)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Exodus 33:10-11
- Numbers 13:16 & 14:7-9
- Joshua 1:1-18 & 2:1-24
- Hebrews 11:31
- James 2:25

### OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to His Word and the lessons from this sermon.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. The importance of abiding in God's presence, as exemplified by Joshua
2. God's faithfulness in keeping His promises across generations
3. God's desire to redeem rather than destroy, as seen in Rahab's story

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. Pastor Brian emphasized Joshua's desire to stay in God's presence. How can we cultivate this same desire in our daily lives?
3. Reflect on the name change from Hoshea to Joshua. How does understanding "The Lord is Salvation" impact your perspective on challenges you face?
4. The sermon mentions generational promises. Can you share any examples of God's faithfulness across generations in your family or community?
5. Rahab is described as an unlikely hero. How does her story challenge our assumptions about who God can use?
6. How does Rahab's faith and actions inspire you in your own walk with God?
7. Pastor Brian states, "God is here to redeem, not destroy." How does this truth affect your view of God and His work in the world?

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Abiding Practice:** Set aside 10-15 minutes each day this week to simply be in God's presence without any agenda. Journal about your experience.
2. **Name Reflection:** Write down your name and its meaning. Pray about how God might want to use the meaning of your name (or give you a new meaning) in your spiritual journey.
3. **Generational Promise:** Talk to older family members or mentors about spiritual promises or legacy in your family. Pray about how God might be calling you to carry these forward.
4. **Unlikely Hero:** Identify someone in your life who seems "unlikely" to be used by God. Commit to praying for them daily and look for opportunities to encourage them.
5. **Scarlet Cord:** Like Rahab's scarlet cord, choose a small object to place somewhere visible in your home as a reminder of God's redemptive work in your life.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for His faithfulness across generations and His desire to redeem. Ask for His help in abiding in His presence and being open to how He wants to use each group member.