

“HAPPY FAITHER’S DAY!!!”

“Joshua: A Man, A Warrior, A Father, SEMPER FI!”



Semper fidelis is a Latin phrase that means "always faithful" or "always loyal". It is the motto of the United States Marine Corps, usually shortened to *Semper Fi*.

- What's in a name? - Joshua's original name was *Hoshea* = "Salvation" (Numbers 13:8) Moses changes his name to *Yehoshua* = "Yahweh Is Salvation" (Numbers 13:16); He is also called *Yeshua* which is a shorter version of *Yehoshua*. In Greek we get the equivalent *Iesous* (Jesus). Joshua's name reveals that the LORD IS OUR SALVATION AND CONQUERER! This man Joshua, the Son of Nun, is mentioned over 200 times in the Scriptures; his life is exemplary, exceptional, and exciting!

> Joshua was a preview of the Messiah to come, observe two key elements:

#1 - Joshua was a type of Christ leading the children of Israel into the promise land!

- *Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ leads us to our promise land, HEAVEN!!!*

#2 - By FAITH Joshua was triumphant over the enemies of the Hebrews!

- *Our Lord Jesus Christ is triumphant for all BELIEVERS, triumphing over sin, death, and our arch enemy the devil!*

- In the New Testament we read of our Lord's VICTORY:

Colossians 2:15 - *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 - *The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 8:37-39 - *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

2 Corinthians 2:14 - *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ"*

~ Let's be blessed and apply "Four Faith Factors" from the life of Joshua: A Man, A Warrior, A Father, SEMPER FI!"

> FAITH FACTOR #1 – JOSHUA, A MAN OF GOD!

- *As a MAN OF GOD - Joshua is a DISCIPLE!*

- Joshua is first mentioned in Exodus 17:8-16

- Joshua became Moses "assistant" according to Exodus 24:12-15 - *Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.*

> **FAITH FACTOR #2 – JOSHUA, A MAN OF FAITH!**

- Joshua's FAITH is ACTIVE, we see this in Numbers chapters 13 & 14.

> **FAITH FACTOR #3 – JOSHUA, A WARRIOR FOR GOD!**

- If God be for us, who can be against us! Let's learn from Joshua Chapter 1.

- Key passage for Joshua and us is Joshua 1:5-9 - I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

- In *The Book of Joshua* there are three military campaigns involving more than thirty enemy armies. Israel's first conquest was in the central area of Canaan, then to the south, then to the northern region. Our lesson to learn in the life of Joshua is victory through faith by obedience to the Word of God!

- After Israel's victory over Ai, watch what Joshua does in Joshua 8:30-35.

> **FAITH FACTOR #4 – JOSHUA, A FAITHFUL FATHER!**

- Joshua lead by example, he was faithful:

In the WORD OF GOD, which eliminates WORRY!

In FAITH, which dispels FEAR!

In PRAYER, which brought him POWER!

In TRUTH, which protects against DECEPTION and DESTRUCTION!

In DISCIPLESHIP, which brings UNITY!

In GRACE, which develops FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE!

- Joshua is faithful to God, his family, and the children of Israel to the very end of his life! (Let's learn and apply Joshua Chapters 23 & 24.)

Joshua is SEMPER FI!!! Gentlemen, let's be SEMPER FI!!!

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