

Joshua 1:2-8
Title: "Crisis & Opportunity" Deaf Church
Series: Overcomers: Resiliency Through Christ
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Notes: 1. Introduction

a. Overcomer = victory over difficulty

- not by human strength Jer 9:23

- not by human wisdom ~~1~~ Cor 1:27

- not by human wealth or power

= but by God's wisdom & strength

x could be by God's intervention


x many times by human agency


in God's providential direction

b. How can crisis be opportunity?

- remember Joseph's many crises

- remember Joseph made decisions

 1/2 in time of crisis

 1/2 - glass of water: 1/2 full? 1/2 empty?

x perspective-viewpoint

x glass 1/2 full air + 1/2 full water

2. Crises Point

a. Moses first national leader dead

b. God commands Joshua to go into Promised Land with Israel

- Moses personally performed many miracles

- Joshua performed no miracles personally

- Joshua was Moses' personal assistant

c. Joshua to cross Jordan River

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3. Potential in a Problem

- a. God chose Joshua to lead Israel
- b. Moses laid hands on Joshua's head blessing him with future leadership in Israel - Deut 34:9
- c. Potential = possible or maybe
 - God considered Joshua ready

4. Promises with Opportunity

- a. God promises Joshua the Promised Land - ~~Ex~~ Josh 1:3
 - Wherever you will walk, land given to Israel

- b. God directed promise

- Joshua's opportunity that Moses & older generation did not receive
- promise offered to older generation but they disobeyed

- x Ten Commandments - Exod 20:3-6

- x Golden Calf - Exod 32:1-6

- x Twelve spies bad report - Num 13:27-33

- x Israel refuses land - Num 14:1-2, 9-10

5. Power of Right Decisions

- a. God promises Joshua to be with him all his life - Josh 1:5

- b. Joshua's decisions

- be strong & have good courage - Josh 1:6a

- x not quitting or giving up

- be strong & be very courageous - Josh 1:7

- God wants Joshua's obedience to his direct commands

6. God's Instructions

- a. Meditate on God's laws - Josh 1:8

- goal? to observe God's laws

- b. God's law to be in your mouth

- speak God's law

- c. Results

- Have good success with God
- Make your way prosperous with God