

TRAINING FOR VICTORIOUS FAITH

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Victorious faith requires training and discipline, just like becoming a skilled athlete or musician. Similarly, Christians must train themselves to become good and victorious in their faith. Hebrews 12:11 states that discipline and training are not easy, but they yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness. In Joshua 3 and 4, we can learn three life training principles and apply them to our own faith journey:

LOOK TO JESUS

We must train our eyes to look to Jesus. Joshua 3:1-3 describes how Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River to proceed to Jericho, and key to this plan is the ark of the covenant, a symbol of the presence of God. The ark contains the tablets where the ten commandments were written (a reminder of God's holiness and will), the manna (a reminder of God's provision for them), and the rod that bloomed (a symbol of how God is able to bring life from death). The ark is also covered by the "mercy seat", an essential element in the religious practices of the Jewish nation. This serves as a reminder for us to live a holy life as we expect great things from God. In the New Testament, Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us to lay aside burdens, do away with sins, and persevere as we "FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS". Jesus is the author, meaning He initiated our salvation — He brought us up to this point of us deciding to follow Jesus. He is also the perfecter: He molds our faith. When you come to Jesus, it is not just sacrifice and suffering. It's going to be worth it, especially when we have eternal perspective! Choose to FOCUS on Jesus!

LISTEN TO OBEY

We must train our ears to listen and obey God's word. Joshua 3:9-11 is where Joshua declares the word of the Lord. There was a promise given, but there were also clear instructions for them to do. We listen to God not just for that purpose, but also because we intend to obey whatever we hear from the Lord. When we hear instruction from the Lord, we must do exactly as the Lord has instructed us. James 1:22-25 commands us to be effectual doers, and not just forgetful hearers of the Word. If we want our faith to grow and make us victorious, we must learn to listen to God's Word and choose to obey, and not turn away from truth.

LIFE LEGACY

We must build a life legacy that reminds us of the victories we have achieved through our faith in God. God asked Joshua to take memorial stones and build a monument after the crossing (Joshua 4 onwards). It was meant to remind even future generations of the victories God had given them. Similarly, we should build a life legacy that reminds us of the victories we have achieved through our faith in God. This could be through journaling, sharing our testimony, or simply reflecting on the ways God has been faithful to us in the past.

Training for victorious faith involves discipline and stretching. Like Joshua, we can cross the Jordan Rivers of our life by fixing our eyes on Jesus, listening to and obeying His word, and leaving a legacy of faith — our lives — which showcases the faithfulness, power, and glory of God to those around us. By training ourselves in these ways, we can become good, victorious Christians!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

JOSHUA 3:5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean for you to "look to Jesus"?
- How can doing that prepare you for victory?
- How do you decide which voice to listen to (God or the world) when you face decision-making?
- What do you think you should do to hear God's voice more and be able to follow Him and not the world?

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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR
VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING
HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

**God brought you
here for His purpose.**

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a
meaningful life with Him in the
present and gain eternal life with
Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**
His covenant and His lovingkindness to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
—Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin
separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away
from God's saving presence.
— Romans 3:23*

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only
way for us to be reconciled to
Him: through His son, Jesus
Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised
to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by
His blood, we shall be saved from the
wrath of God through Him.
— Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. — John 14:6*

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven of our sins
and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He
gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him shall not
perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as
a result of works, so that no one may
boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have
eternal life when you trust in
Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name
of the Son of God, so that you may know
that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*



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