



Possess Your Tomorrows – Message 1

Announcements

Women's Night // Tuesday, October 2 // Event starts at 7:00PM (Door open at 6:30PM) // Little Creek Campus. Ladies, invite your friends and join us for a dynamic Women's Night featuring speaker, singer, songwriter, and pastor DawnCheré Wilkerson of VOUS Church in Miami.

Warm-up

Share with the group a hidden talent or a passion that not many people know about you. (It may be something you have buried or forgotten about.)

Word and Application

Today we will discuss the first message in the five-part series entitled *Joshua: Possess Your Tomorrows*. In the book of Joshua, God demonstrates His power as the Hebrews leave Egypt for the Promised Land. During the *Joshua* series, we'll take a closer look at God's plan for His people and how we can apply the same principals to our lives today. You'll discover how to live your promise land days right now.

Stepping Confidently

Possessing Your Tomorrows relates to taking **confident steps** toward your future, whether it involves relationships, career, health, school, or something else.

- Share a specific area of life in which you believe God is challenging you to trust Him and to step confidently toward.

Possessing the Land

Did you know that the name Joshua means "God Is Salvation"? It comes as no surprise then that Joshua is chosen to lead God's people into the land of promise.

- **Read Joshua 1:10-11, Numbers 33:53, Obadiah 1:17, and Psalm 2:8.**
- What is the prominent theme in each of these passages? How do these promises to the Hebrews apply to us today?

- How would you explain the difference between *settling in the land* versus *taking possession of the land*? Do you find yourself *settling* in areas God meant for you to *possess and own*? Explain.

Hope For Tomorrow

Stepping into the future God has planned for us means getting past our fears and trusting in God.

- **Read Joshua 1:3-9.** What challenges are you facing to which you can apply this passage?
- **Read Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 16:9, 1 Corinthians 2:9, and Philippians 1:6.**
- What do these Scripture truths mean to you personally and specifically?
- How would you assess whether or not you truly believe God's promises about your future?

Three Guiding Principles in the Book of Joshua

1. *God wants you to live in a land of blessing and realized promises.*
 - We need to get a glimpse of the picture that God has for us. God has a future for us that He wants us to grasp.
 - **Read Joshua 1:2-3 & 2 Corinthians 1:20.** How can seeing what God has for us take us from *knowing* God's promises to *living* God's promises?
2. *God partners with us in the battles for our Promised Land.*
 - Often the calling God has on our life is bigger than we can do on our own.
 - **Read Deuteronomy 1:30 & Exodus 14:14.** We are reminded and reassured that the Lord goes before us and fights for us, yet sometimes we strive to fight our own battles. Why is this the case?
 - **Read Joshua 1:5 & 1 Timothy 6:12.** What has God put on your heart that is bigger than you think you can do in your own strength and skills?
3. *God assures us of His presence on the journey.*
 - Once we invite Christ into our lives, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us always.
 - **Read Joshua 1:9, Hebrews 13:5, Zephaniah 3:17, and Matthew 28:20.**
 - How can knowing He is with you give you boldness to tackle the vision He has for your life?

Life Challenge

On a sheet of paper that only you will see, write down your biggest fear or source of anxiety right now. Using today's lesson and Joshua 1:9 as a guide, declare these things over that specific fear:

I declare that I am strong and courageous over (insert fear). I am not dismayed about (insert fear) for the LORD, my God is with me wherever I go. I move beyond (insert fear) and take possession of the God's promise for my life!

Prayer

Thank God for the revelations He has given you about your future. Ask Him to help you see more of what He sees in you and to overcome obstacles. Pray for the specific needs of your small group.