

MEETING GOD IN FAMILIAR PLACES

GOD'S PRESENCE IN JOSHUA 1

JOSHUA 1:1–9



The Heart of the Matter

In this study, we have met God in some of the most familiar places in Scripture, and today is no different. It is here in these verses that we read how God made His presence known to Joshua—a man who had more than a few enormous challenges before him. Not only did Joshua face the daunting task of replacing Moses as Israel's leader, but he was also about to embark on a tough military campaign with troops who had no training against well-trained, equipped warriors. When you imagine how Joshua must have felt, you can appreciate the assurance the Lord gave him with His presence.



Discovering the Way

1. Putting Ourselves in Joshua's Place

After forty years as Moses's assistant, Joshua suddenly found himself as the leader of the Hebrews—without Moses there to guide him.

2. Reminding Ourselves of God's Encouragement (Joshua 1:1–9)

Moses may have been gone, but God wasn't. With a clear commission (1:1–2), specific promises (1:3–5), identical commands (1:6–7, 9, 18), and a prolonged meditation (1:8), God told Joshua to get at it.



Starting Your Journey

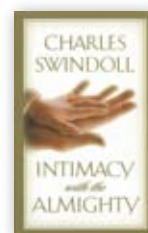
As God was with Joshua, so He is with you. And the lessons Joshua had to learn you must learn yourself. First, God's will is what's important, not yours. Second, God's presence is what's empowering, not yours. Third, God's Word is what enriches, not yours.



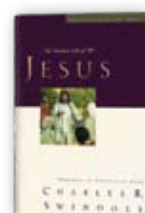
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