

FAVOR NOT FAILURE

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INTRODUCTION

The name of Joshua conjures up the vision of a great hero. Immediately, most people bring up images of some of the great battles and miracles of the Bible. At the mention of Caleb, faces cloud with confusion. Many have the sensation of knowing that they have heard of him, but just can't quite put a finger on where. If mentioned together—Joshua and Caleb—some people instantly recognize them as being among the twelve spies who scouted out the Promised Land and the only two who came back with a favorable report. If the details are fuzzy, spend a few moments in your Bible reading this fascinating story in the Old Testament, *Numbers 13 and 14*.

Embark with me on a journey of two men of epic proportions straight out of Biblical history. One man, you will recognize quickly. He's got an entire book of the Bible named after him; the high waters of the Jordan River walled up at his behest so that the Israelites could cross over on dry ground; the walls of Jericho tumbled down with only a few blasts of trumpets under his leadership. You got it! It's none other than Joshua.

The other man, still an epic hero of Biblical proportions, is not as widely known. The power of his feats, while outlined in the Bible, is not as obvious as his compatriot's and not compressed into one book. Instead, if we are to truly understand this character,

we have to dig, study, infer—in other words, really work at it—just as he had to work at becoming a leader.

Our efforts are not unlike this hero's quest to become a leader of his time. We discover that his leadership came at the price of working really hard against great odds. For his faithfulness, God gave him the gift of youthful vitality. At the age of 85, this character was as strong as he was at 40 years old. Still struggling about who this could be? Rest assured, you do not struggle alone! In case, you haven't figured it out, it's Caleb.

Initially, I struggled with why was it so easy to get to know Joshua and so hard to get to know Caleb. Finally, at the end, I concluded that it was God's will to reveal them as their lives had played out in their pursuit of leadership.

Joshua ascended to leadership with ease. From his youth, he had been groomed for the position. It was no surprise when he stepped into the role of leader over the nation of Israel at the death of his mentor, Moses.

Caleb, on the other hand, had to clamor, fight and struggle every step of the way. His ascension reminded me of the character William Wallace in the blockbuster movie "**Braveheart**." He was a simple, common man of faith who rose to greatness by virtue of his blood, sweat and tears with God overseeing every step.

Despite very different paths, Joshua and Caleb exhibited astounding leadership, God's way. As is true with all ascensions to leadership; no two trails are alike. There are no easy routes. The paths are marred with ups and downs; smooth trails and rocky roads; steep climbs, plummeting cliffs; treacherous ascents and even more dangerous descents.

Powerful lessons and insights can be gained from each of these icons as we watch them navigate their way up and down the rocky roads of leadership. Their lives took two different paths with totally different challenges. God leaves each with His imprint. Each of their lives was filled with a legacy of favor not failure. In the end, both ended up right where God intended—leading the nation of Israel.

By reading **“Favor Not Failure”** you will discover how God chose Caleb, an outsider of impure blood, to rise to the ultimate leadership position of his time. Using Caleb as a model, those of us who are not part of the establishment can find hope and guidance to excel beyond our current borders.

I believe the power of Caleb’s journey can be understood better when contrasted against Joshua. So we will be studying both. While they lived thousands of years ago, their path to leadership is still as relevant today as it was back then.

As I read portions of this to my husband, he took a quick mental tour of his life. A sudden recognition gleamed in his eyes. He could not contain himself. “I’m a Caleb,” he whispered in almost disbelief.

I sighed deeply as it occurred to me, “So are most of us.”

Let’s face it. Who among us is being groomed to take over corporations, institutions or organizations? We are barely making headways in our own homes!

The more I chewed on the thought, the more convinced I became that most of us are more like Caleb than we are like Joshua. Like Caleb, we have to fight, struggle, finagle, claw, and finesse our way up the rocky mountain of leadership. Unlike Joshua, most of us are not being groomed or mentored to assume key leadership roles in the business, secular, religious world and/or society at large.

The lives of both of these men contain powerful lessons on leadership God's way. Even if you happen to be one of the few actively being groomed and mentored for leadership, there are still lessons to be learned by studying both Joshua and Caleb. For those of us not being groomed, Caleb provides a roadmap for ascension the Biblical way.

Read on so that you can glean powerful lessons and insights on how to leave failure behind and follow a path to God's mighty favor.

CHAPTER 1

Joshua and Caleb's voices shout out in bold confidence to us still today. "Yes, we can take the land!" They both stood firm against a riotous crowd of millions; stunned that their good reports were being disputed by the ten other leaders who bore witness to the same things. Courage to speak the truth led this dynamic duo to become the only ones from their generation allowed into the "land of milk and honey". All others perished in the desert because of their unwillingness to see and speak the glaring truth.

The magnificent feats of Joshua and Caleb jump off the pages of the Bible like one of Hollywood's blockbuster action films. The huge difference is Joshua and Caleb are not fabricated fantasy heroes. They were real and so are their stories. Don't take my word for it. Read the full account for yourself in *Numbers 13 and 14, 26:65, 32: 7-13, 34:19; Deuteronomy 1: 22-40, 9:23; the entire Book of Joshua and finally Judges 1 and 2.*

For me, it was hard to understand either Joshua or Caleb without looking at each in context of the other. When studied in parallel to one another, a greater richness of each of their characters evolves. Thus, it's important to look at their lives together and apart. We will start with Joshua.

At Moses' death, God chose Joshua to lead the next generation of Israelites into the Promised Land with this promise: "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread

upon, that I have given unto you.....There shall not be any man able to stand before thee all the days of thy life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee or forsake thee.” (*Joshua 1: 3,5*)

What would you do if you received a promise like that straight from God Himself? With this awesome promise, Joshua engaged immediately about doing the business of the LORD. He proved himself to be a courageous leader, a faithful and obedient servant as well as a brilliant military strategist. Yet we only see him in this capacity. We never see him through the eyes of a family of his own. Leading the Israelites during this critical juncture consumed and defined Joshua’s life as he led God’s chosen people into battle after battle taking what God had promised. An entire book of the Bible chronicles this journey.

We find that Joshua is from the tribe of Ephraim. You may recall that Ephraim was the youngest of Joseph’s twin sons. This is an important factor for us to be able to understand Joshua’s nature and its significance in the leadership role he took on in the nation of Israel.

The tribes descending from Joseph were very much like their patriarch--wise and shrewd in business. They got this honestly. After all, everything that Joseph’s hands touched turned to gold. He made fortunes for his masters before he became second-in-command of Egypt. In camp, the tribe of Ephraim was strategically placed behind the rest of the tribes for the ultimate protection of Israel’s accumulations and possessions. These tribesmen were the ones in charge of the nation’s “assets.” They were not warriors by nature.

This makes Joshua's achievements on the battlefield even more astonishing. He wasn't raised nor was he being groomed to be a warrior. The battlefield was way out of his comfort zone. He was much more at home in the temple managing the nation's spiritual and worldly assets. I believe that is why there are so many words of encouragement for him. God knew that Joshua was going to need lots of encouragement to make the transition from the temple floor to the battlefield. When Moses was close to death, God commanded him, "But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go across at the head of the people..." (*Deuteronomy 3: 28*)

After Moses died, God Himself spoke to Joshua: "Moses, my servant is dead...Be strong and courageous for you shall give this people possession of the land...Only be strong and very courageous...Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (*Joshua 1: 2, 6, 7, 9*)

Joshua must have been terrified at the prospect of leading this unruly clan. For God to tell him "not to tremble", he must have been somewhere shaking in his sandals in panic and, maybe, just a little doubt. His abilities to lead the nation of Israel in the great battles that surely lay ahead of them may have been unnerving to this newly appointed leader!

I can picture Joshua in his tent alone trembling with his fears and doubts. I imagine him feeling much like Prissy, the slave girl in "Gone with the Wind" when confronted with having to deliver a baby for the very first time. She cried out in panic, "Miss Scarlett, I don't know nuthin' 'bout birthin' no babies!" I wonder if Joshua might have made a similar statement to God about leading the Israelites at this significant

crossroad in their history. It might have sounded like, “God, I don’t kno’ nuthin’ ‘bout leadin’ no Israelites!”

Just like Miss Scarlett didn’t let Prissy get away with a bout of helplessness, neither did God let Joshua off the hook. Miss Scarlett had a baby to bring into this world. The fear of a slave girl couldn’t stop the impending birth. For those of us women who’ve gone through childbirth, we know that when it’s time for that baby to be born, it just “ain’t gonna” be stopped. It’s coming whether we’re ready or not. The same can be said for the nation of Israel as God was determined to deliver this powerful nation to the world.

By this point, Joshua had been encouraged by Moses and God. You would think, “Wow! Encouragement from Moses then God Himself! What more could he want?” Obviously their encouragement was not enough. As we continue to follow the story, we find that even the officers of the people provided encouragement for their new leader. “And they answered Joshua, saying, ‘All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go...only be strong and courageous.’” (*Joshua 1: 16, 18*)

So when did Joshua finally get his “sea legs”? When did he finally become strong and courageous? Trust me! It was a process and a journey of victories and defeat. Read the accounts of these fascinating battles in chapters 6 – 12 of the book of Joshua.

Joshua’s confidence must have been soaring after the decisive defeat of Jericho. Following God’s instructions down to the last detail in this unorthodox battle plan handed Joshua his first victory as the leader of the nation of Israel. And then came the small town of Ai—population about 12,000 men and women. (*Joshua 8:25*) Whatever courage Joshua may have mustered up was annihilated when this unlikely town of a “few

people” easily whipped the Israelite warriors. Thirty-six of the three thousand mighty Israelite warriors were killed while the others fled for their lives. The hearts of the entire Israelite nation melted with this defeat.

Joshua tore his clothes and tossed dust over his head in total despair. God intervened telling him, “Get up! Why are you crying? You’ve got work to do! Be strong and courageous!” (*Joshua 7*)

From the tone of this passage, it didn’t sound like God was too smitten with Joshua. It sounded like Joshua had finally gotten on God’s last nerve.

A “Get Up!” from God has got to be an attention-getter. Joshua snapped out of it and tuned into God discovering that their defeat had been brought about by two events. The town of Ai was so small that the Israelites were sure that it could be defeated with about three thousand warriors. “Piece of cake!” They assured Joshua. Seeking God’s counsel on such a “trivial” matter not once crossed any of their minds. Secondly, unbeknownst to them, during the battle, one of their tribesmen had stolen a robe, silver and gold. To top that off, he had the nerve to hide the loot underneath his tent.

During the battle of Jericho, one particular warrior, named Achan, took the time to steal that which God had forbidden. (*Joshua 6:18-19; Joshua 7:1*) He then had the presence of mind to bring a treasure of gold and silver back to his tent and bury it. I wondered if this was a sign that the Israelites’ were losing focus on the job at hand—to take the Promised Land. Were they becoming too focused on the treasure instead of the mission?

Taking this treasure was in total disobedience of God's instructions to bring all gold, silver, brass and iron, which was consecrated (set apart) to the LORD, into His treasury. (*Joshua 6: 19*)

Joshua dealt with both matters decisively. I believe this was a turning point in his relationship with God. He discovered that God wants to be involved not only in our biggest battles but also in the trivial details of our lives. He learned the hard way that while we all might think that "I got this"; often, the unforeseen—in which only God has foreknowledge--really has us!

Joshua quickly made atonement for his missteps and dealt with the thieving tribesman, Achan, by stoning him and his family to death. When I read this, I thought this cruel punishment didn't fit the crime. Stoning Achan and his family sounded downright harsh to me. Much introspection brought me to the conclusion that though it may have sounded cruel, it served as an effective deterrent. After that, I'm sure the rest of the Israelites thought long and hard about any desire that they may have had about taking bounty not approved by God.

Joshua became a consummate seeker of God's counsel. With God at the helm, the Israelites returned to Ai defeating them and moved on to defeat all the armies in their path. By the time they defeated the Five Kings of the South, Joshua was now saying to his warriors, "Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage!" (*Joshua 10:25*)

Can you believe that! Joshua had now turned into the encourager and not the "encouragee".

The tides had turned. Joshua had finally found his “sea legs”. He was what God had been molding and shaping him to be all of his life—strong and courageous—not only in the temple but also on the battlefield! So much so, that he leaves in his wake a legacy of strength, courage and military prowess.

We see very little of Caleb during this time. His story is not told in a book named after him. Instead it is scattered throughout several books of the Bible. I develop a sense of having to piece his life together. I suspect he’s somewhere in the background fighting with Joshua to win over land promised to them by God. Where? We don’t know until forty-five years later. Nevertheless, at about eighty-five years old, he showed up again. (*Joshua 14: 6-15*)

By then, the strain of leadership had taken its toll on Joshua. His strength was waning. He was preparing to die. God has told him “Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.” (*Joshua 13:1*)

Then God poured salt in the wound. He began naming all of the lands not yet conquered by the Israelites. (*Joshua 13: 2-7*) My heart sank further with every land God named that still remained to be possessed.

After reading this, I felt sad and letdown for Joshua. Most of his life had been dedicated to either preparation for the overwhelming task or the actual acquisition of the land promised to his ancestors. I could find no evidence where he had a wife, children, not even a concubine (in today’s vernacular—a honey). His entire life he pursued God’s will with no personal agenda of his own.

Yet close to the end of Joshua's life, all God could find to say to him was, "There remaineth very much land to be possessed"?

With these words from God, I felt like I had been sucker punched in the gut. I guess I had expected God to say something like "Great job, Joshua my man!" The air fizzes out of my balloon as I go back and read again, "there remaineth..."

Many of us would have been defensive, disenchanted, angry, bitter, combative, discouraged, full of angst and woe, on the verge of losing faith. We would have quickly reminded God of all of the amazing victories the Israelites had won under our leadership. Conveniently, we would have forgotten God's initial marching orders, "Be strong and courageous, for you will lead my people to possess *all* (bold italics added) the land I swore to give their ancestors." (*Deuteronomy 1: 38; 3:28; 31: 3, 7, 23; Joshua 1: 4-6*)

Have you ever given your all to something--your job, raising your kids (and sometimes your spouse); ministry work at your church; painting; acting; singing; dancing; writing a book, music, songs, poetry, stories...? From your view, you've done a pretty decent job of it. Later you find out from someone else's perspective--your boss, husband, children, editor, agent, friends, choreographer, pastor, colleagues, etc.--that you have had some "slip ups".

Having had my share of "slip ups", I'd like to share one. I had served in corporate America at a top multi-national firm for over twenty years. I had always received high performance ratings and received several promotions. To my delight, I finally got the job I had been praying about for years. The sales results of the organization I took over were in the tank. I worked day and night with the team. Within a few short months, we had taken the results from a low of 78% to 97%. I was quite

smitten with our sales and revenue performance particularly since everyone had predicted continued and complete failure. All of my colleagues congratulated me for the “miraculous” turnaround as I spread my peacock feathers and strutted around the office.

At my performance review, I was reminded that the target was 100%. I had fallen short of the benchmark which was clearly defined from the beginning. For the first time in my long “illustrious” career, I received a “Did Not Meet” performance rating. To say the least, I was devastated and bitter. I felt like the rug had been pulled from underneath me.

“How dare my boss give me a less than satisfactory rating after all the hard work I’ve done, after pulling this team up by my pure will, and!” The list went on. I think you get the picture.

Since it was the last thing I expected, the fall was hard. Now that I’ve had some studying time in God’s word, I can see that God was teaching me some powerful lessons. Imagine how much harder the fall must have felt for Joshua. At least our rugs have been pulled out from underneath us by humans. Joshua’s was pulled out by God Himself.

Like us, Joshua had fallen short of God’s glory. Unlike us, even in what might appear seeming disappointment from God Himself, Joshua does not lose courage, does not lose faith, doesn’t even lose his spirit of humility. I couldn’t detect one iota of bitterness in him. Not a single “But I thought” can be found coming out of his mouth.

Amazingly, he doesn’t point fingers at his fellow Israelites in blame. He doesn’t even debate with God or offer a multitude of excuses for why the remaining land hadn’t been possessed.

“Well you see, God, I told them what to do. But you know how they are. You, yourself, have said that they are a ‘stiff-necked, unruly’ people! If you can’t make them do right, what am I, a mere man, supposed to do?”

Joshua did none of that. Instead he did what he’d always done. He yielded in submission and carried out God’s instructions down to the last detail. He divided up the remaining land and reviewed God’s covenant with the people. After doing so, Joshua boldly declared “As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (*Joshua 24:15*)

To the end, Joshua proved to be a courageous, faithful servant seeking only to do God’s will. He died setting direction for his house with a grand vision: “Honor and serve God!”

Below are my personal insights on lessons from Joshua's life. Please reflect upon these and add your comments and thoughts:

- **Being accountable and accepting responsibility in the face of adversity and criticism serve as powerful tools to mold and shape us into becoming the leaders God calls us to be.**

- **Being a leader requires nothing less than total commitment and dedication to the job at hand. Being one of God's leaders requires nothing less than total commitment, dedication and obedience to God.**

- **Attention to detail when carrying out instructions is often the difference between success and failure.**

- **A leader must have a willingness to follow as well as to lead and the wisdom to know which is appropriate for the circumstances.**

- **Strength and Courage can be learned through practice and with total trust in and obedience to God.**

- **Believing in God with unwavering faith produces unbelievable results.**

- **Deliver News (The Good, The Bad, The Ugly) with conviction, compassion and commitment.**

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- **Leaders stand unequivocally and unapologetically for what they believe is true and right.**
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Personal Reflection

Questions to think about and discuss:

- Do you think God has ever pulled the rug out from underneath you? Explain:

- What was your reaction to God pulling the rug from underneath you?

- How did Joshua show strength of his faith?

- How do you show your strength of faith?

- Read Joshua 1:5 and Hebrews 13:5. What promise did God make and to whom in Joshua 1:5? What about in Hebrews 13:5, what promise did God make and to whom?

- How will you use this promise by God in your life?

- When's the last time you carried out God's instructions?

- What were those instructions?

- Did you carry out God's instructions down to the last detail?

- If so, what was the outcome?
- If not, why not?
- What happened?

- When's the last time you set spiritual direction for your house to honor and serve God?

- What has been the outcome of setting spiritual direction for your house?

- What has been the outcome of **not** setting spiritual direction for your house?

CHAPTER 2

There is so much to admire about Joshua--for instance, his ability and willingness to hear and acknowledge God. Joshua had spent time in the presence of God and Moses on more than one occasion. He had the pleasure of dining with them. Of the seventy leaders of Israel, he was selected to accompany Moses up Mount Sinai to receive the LORD's commandments.

“Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the leaders of Israel went up the mountain. There they saw the God of Israel...And though Israel's leaders saw God, He did not destroy them. In fact, they shared a meal together in God's presence. And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain. Stay there while I give you the tablets of stone...’ So Moses and his assistant Joshua climbed up the mountain of God.”
(Exodus 24: 9-13)

What a marvelous opportunity! Imagine scaling the mountain with Moses on the way to meet God to receive His laws, His commands! It doesn't seem like it could get better than that.

But this was not the only opportunity God allowed Joshua to spend time in His presence. Guess who was in the Tabernacle, also known as the Tent of Meeting, when God spoke with Moses face to face? You got it—Joshua.

“Whenever Moses went out to the Tent of Meeting, all the people would get up and stand in their tent entrance. They would all watch Moses until he disappeared inside.

As he went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and hover at the entrance while the LORD spoke with Moses...Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Afterward Moses would return to camp, but the young man who assisted him, Joshua son of Nun, stayed behind in the Tent of Meeting.” (*Exodus 33: 8-11*)

If Joshua “stayed behind”, it leads me to believe that he had to have been inside the Tent. The Tabernacle was the sacred residence where God lived among the Israelites. (*Exodus 25:8-9*)

God had given Moses explicit, intricate details on how to build and furnish the Tabernacle. It was a portable structure, built so that it could be easily dismantled and set back up as the Israelites moved from place to place.

About the size of half of a basketball court, there were no permanent walls inside or outside of the structure. The roof was made of tanned ram skins with a layer of fine goatskin leather. The outside of the Tabernacle was made into a single unit by sheets of fine linen covered by heavy sheets of cloth from goat hair. Curtains, of fine linen attached to frames of acacia wood, defined and separated the inside into two spaces—the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. (*Exodus 26*)

The priest entered the Holy place daily to commune with God and tend to the altar of incense, the lampstand and the table with the Bread of Presence. The Most Holy Place was where God Himself dwelt. His presence rested on the cover of the Ark of the Covenant--a chest-like box where the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments were kept. (*Exodus 25: 10-22*) Brief descriptions of key Tabernacle pieces can be read in Appendix I. For greater details on the Tabernacle and its pieces read *Exodus 35 – 40*.

Imagine Joshua as he stood in his father's tent entrance watching Moses pass by on the way to the Tabernacle. Excitedly and maybe a little impatiently, he'd wait for Moses to disappear inside. Then Joshua would strike out towards the Tent as fast as his legs would carry him, disappearing inside, just as his mentor had moments earlier.

I speculate that while Joshua wasn't a part of the conversations, he was in close enough proximity to hear what was going on between God and Moses. Remember, there were no walls in this contained space. His closeness would have given him a unique perspective of God that the rest of the Israelites were not privy to. Other than Moses, Joshua had the privilege, capability, and willingness to know God's heart and understand His directions more so than any other man in his generation.

Joshua's position can be likened to that of an Executive Assistant to a powerful CEO (Chief Executive Officer). The information that came across his desk by virtue of his position was life-altering. How can plans of great success or devastating failures be heard and not elicit some manner of change in the actions of the hearer? Today, that's called "insider's information" and you can go to jail for acting on it--just ask Martha Stewart. But back in Joshua's day, there was no such law. And Joshua took full advantage of his position as Moses' assistant. This by no means is a comparison of Joshua to Martha Stewart or vice versa.

Unlike Joshua, it's a lot easier for us today to access God's "insider's information." We don't have to scale mountains or sneak into the Tabernacle to receive it. It's easily available and accessible in most places in His written word—the Bible. The message that God gave the great Prophet Jeremiah thousands of years ago, remains true today: "But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that

day,” says the LORD. “I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.” (*Jeremiah 31: 33*) The Apostle Paul expands this very same message in *Hebrews 10:16* to include all those who are predestined as believers.

Today, God has made provision for us to dine with Him not on a mountain but in the comfort and ease of the setting of our worship centers. In our communion with Him, we eat the bread representing the broken body of our Savior and drink the wine that is representative of His very blood. It is a time for us to come to bare our souls seeking forgiveness and cleansing so that we can draw closer to Him.

Nowadays we each are called to meet Him not in a “Tent of Meeting” through a spokesman. Instead, we each are called to welcome and invite Him to dwell in our very minds and hearts. While He has provided The Way to close the gap between us and Him, often we do things to keep Him on the mountaintop.

Today, God has made it more possible for us to be closer to Him than ever before. Unlike Joshua who looked forward to every opportunity to be close to God, most of us are more comfortable with God being out of sight, out of mind, out of reach. We’re just fine with Him being on that “mountaintop.”

God is so good that we no longer have to scale a physical mountain or steal away to the Tabernacle to spend time with Him. He’s taken up residence in our very hearts. So what have we done in our hearts—we’ve built mountains, walls, barricades, roadblocks--anything to keep Him from having His way with us. In contrast to Joshua, many of us today prefer wandering around in the desert of our lives rather than scaling those self-imposed mountains in our hearts to spend time with God.

Personal Reflection

Questions to think about and discuss:

- Why do you suppose Joshua was chosen to accompany Moses up Mount Sinai to receive the tablets of stone with God's commandments?

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- Why do you think Joshua was allowed in the Tabernacle while God and Moses spoke face to face?

- How would you rate your ability and willingness to hear and acknowledge God?

- What steps have you taken to hear from God?

- What do you do to have a closer relationship with God?

- In what ways did Joshua use his privileges to fulfill God’s plans?

- What advantages, special knowledge, gifts, privileges or abilities have you been given?

- How have you used these in doing God’s kingdom work?

- Have there been times when you’ve used these only for your benefit? If so, what was the outcome?

- What things do you do to keep God “out of sight, out of mind, out of reach”?
