

## **Minority Reports – Part 8**

### **Joshua in Canaan – Joshua 1:1-18; Heb.4:1-10**

#### 0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 The curious life of one “Bishop Onesimus” of Rome (1<sup>st</sup>C): slave to pastor to martyr
- 0.2 The curious life of Joshua son of Nun: slave to wanderer to warrior to leader

#### 1.0 Joshua’s Background

- 1.1 Son of Nun (Jos.1:1a)
- 1.2 Assistant to Moses the “servant of the Lord” (Josh.1:1b)
- 1.3 Converses with God (Jos.4:1, etc.)
- 1.4 Future leaders are developed via current leaders & their experiences

#### 2.0 Joshua’s Beginnings

- 2.1 Assumes command (Jos.1:10-16)
- 2.2 Authorizes spies (Jos.2), leads Jordan crossing (Jos.3) and occupation (Jos.4-11)
- 2.3 Preserving Rahab & family (Jos.6:25)
- 2.4 Ongoing oversight of occupation – “their going out & coming in” (Num.27:21)
- 2.5 The covenant at Shechem (Jos.24) – “Choose today whom you will serve”

#### 3.0 Joshua’s Belonging

- 3.1 Land & location → human identity
- 3.2 Faith & action → believer’s identity

#### 4.0 Importance of Joshua for Us Today

- 4.1 Conundrum: God grants heart-desires (Ps.37:4) but shapes us with lack (Matt.5:3-6)
  - Joshua marks rest from wandering...but not ultimate rest (Heb.3-4)
  - tension between immediate needs and long-range purposes
- 4.2 This pandemic era has us stretched similarly: between right concern for health and our need for meaningful fellowship (in and out of church)

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