



How God Prepares His Servants

SELECTED VERSES



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Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share an experience when either they were being trained, or they were training someone else. What were the challenges and joys they went through?

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Suggested song:
[All To Jesus I Surrender](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will take heart when they are being trained and tested by God, knowing God is preparing them for service.
2. GG members will encourage and support each other in their faith journey.
3. GG members will rely on God to fulfill his calling in their lives.

INTRODUCTION

God prepares his servants in different ways for them to be ready to serve him. In this lesson, we will look at how God prepared Joshua so that at the right time, he would take over the responsibilities of leading the nation of Israel from Moses.

God trained Joshua

Joshua's training started long before he took the reins from Moses. God revealed his character to Joshua. He also used other people to train Joshua.

1. In Exodus 17:8-16, what did God reveal to Joshua about himself?
2. Who did God use to mentor and train Joshua for his future role of leading the Israelites? (cf. Exodus 24:12-13; 33:11)
3. What did Joshua learn about the people that he was eventually going to lead? (cf. Exodus 32:1-6, 15-18)
4. What lesson did Joshua learn about himself and the heart of a leader in Numbers 11:27-29?

God tested Joshua (Numbers 13:1-4:10)

God doesn't just train his servants. He also tests them so that they will grow in character and faith. Let's take a look at how God tested Joshua.

1. What command did God give to Moses?
2. Who were among the people chosen by Moses to fulfill this command?
3. What report did the spies give to the people?
4. How did the people respond to the report?
5. How did Joshua and Caleb stand out from the rest of the spies? What does this tell us about their faith?
6. What did the people plan to do to them because of their faith?

WORD & WALK:

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God transferred responsibility to Joshua

Once God had trained and tested Joshua, he eventually had him take over the position of Moses to lead Israel into the Promised Land.

1. What did God command Moses to do to Joshua in Numbers 27:18-23?
2. What is the significance of this?
3. What did Moses say to Joshua as he commissioned him to lead Israel?
(cf. Deuteronomy 31:7-8)
4. What did God say to Joshua as he commissioned him to lead Israel?
(cf. Deuteronomy 31:23)

Application

As believers, we are being trained and tested by God to serve him and do his will. You may think that you do not have what it takes to accomplish what God is calling you to do, and you are right. The only reason believers are able to fulfill God's calling in their lives is because they are fully dependent on God and not themselves. What is God calling you to do now, and what do you need to lift up to God so he can work in and through you?

PRAYER ITEM

Lord, thank you for choosing me to be one of your people. I know that I am totally undeserving, and it is only by your grace. May I learn to totally depend on you as you train and test me throughout my life journey. I am encouraged to know that you supply all my needs and you enable me to do your calling. Thank you for placing me in a community of faith where we, as believers, may encourage and support one another. May you be pleased as I place my faith and trust in you moment by moment, day by day. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen. ■



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