

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANKIND

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### PART 4: THE CALL OF MAN

#### **THE BACKGROUND OF JOSHUA**

Joshua was born in Egypt and he was an adult by the time the Exodus took place. They had only been in the wilderness for a few months when an armed force of Amalekites attacked the children of Israel. Joshua was selected by Moses to lead the fight. **Exodus 17:8-16**

Joshua was from the tribe of Ephraim and rose to the rank of a ruler. The age of adulthood at that time was 30 years, which meant that he was older than that when he left Egypt. As a ruler, he was selected to be one of the spies. **Numbers 13:1-8**

#### **HIS PERSONAL FAITH**

During the early part of the Exodus, Joshua had a deep faith in God and he respected Moses and Aaron as men of God. The Bible does not indicate that Joshua ever expressed a desire to succeed Moses. When he and the other 11 spies came back, Joshua was outraged over their unbelief. **Numbers 13:25-33; 14:1-20**

Joshua knew that the fate of the Israelites depended upon the Lord and he refused to leave the tabernacle. **Exodus 33:11**

#### **THE HAND OF GOD ON JOSHUA**

Moses selected Joshua to be a personal assistant. **Exodus 24:13**

There was an incident when Moses was not sure about Joshua's motivation. **Numbers 11:24-29**

#### **TIME FOR LEADERSHIP CHANGE**

When Moses was told that his time on earth was almost over, he was troubled because no successor had been selected by God.

Moses was told that Joshua would succeed him, and in order to make sure the children of Israel knew it, God ordered an ordination service for Joshua. **Numbers 27:12-23**

There is no negative report about Joshua recorded in the Bible. He was ready for the assignment when it came time for him to become the next leader of the children of Israel. **Deuteronomy 34:9**

#### **TAKING CHARGE**

Joshua was in training for more than 40 years. He saw the ten plagues that destroyed Egypt, he experienced walking through the Red Sea, he saw the miracles in the wilderness, he saw rebellion and how God killed the rebels, and he saw the anger that cost Moses the honor of leading the Israelites into the Promised Land.



Joshua still needed assurance that he could command with confidence even though he was a seasoned veteran of physical and spiritual wars. **Joshua 1:1-9**

## **A SECOND ASSURANCE**

For more than 40 years, Joshua was used to the daily supply of manna. Food had been supernaturally provided day by day and year by year, but as they had come into the Promised Land, the manna supply came to an end. This was a big change and Joshua needed assurance that God was with him. **Joshua 5:10-15**

## **FINISHING HIS LIFE ON EARTH**

Anyone can begin a race but it takes persistence to finish.

Joshua served God for some 30 years in Egypt.

He was faithful during the 40 years in the wilderness.

He also served God well during his 40 years in the Promised Land.

Joshua led a consistent life on earth and finished strong. **Joshua 24:13-29**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***