

SPIRITUAL WARFARE 5

Focused Living Ministries



“Moses, My servant is dead! Now arise and cross this Jordan (river), you and all this people.” Joshua 1:2

There are 4 basic steps to all successful leadership and parenting. *(1) You do it and they watch. (2) You do it with them. (3) They do it with you. (4) They do it as you watch them succeed!* It's called discipleship, training, mentoring, equipping, empowering. It's powerful, effective and absolutely vital especially when

preparing for war. But only a few men are willing to pay the price for the process to fully work as seek shortcuts instead. Wearing the 'uniform' (armor) is useless without the training.

Have you seen or experienced this process? What does it cost? Who are the drill sergeants whom God has given to you? How have you been a drill sergeant? What stage are you in as a spiritual warrior?

BOOT CAMP



As we continue our theme of Spiritual Warfare we turn to the life of Joshua who was an Israeli army general under Moses whom God used to lead His 2.5 million people for 40 years into the Promised Land filled with enemies both physical and spiritual.

Just as the Lord prepared Joshua for war using the above 4 steps of leadership, so God will prepare you for the battles you face as a man, husband, father, business-man and leader to impact our culture for His glory. If you are a man, you are a leader and God always prepares His men for war so that you can **CHANGE** your culture rather than merely cope with it. The Lord wants you to influence the culture more than it influences you. With the same boot camp basics God taught Joshua your gracious but sovereign Divine Drill Sergeant will equip you in order to make you a spiritual warrior?

EXODUS 17:8-16

Principle of **FERVENT PRAYER**.
This is the very first mention of Joshua and the first battle after being saved from sin and slavery.

Why do you think this was the first and most important lesson Joshua needed to learn in basic training? Where are you in learning this lesson? Are you modeling it before your family? Church family?

EXODUS 24:9-18

Principle of **FOCUSING ON GOD'S GLORY**. Why was a focus on God's glory a vital boot camp basic lesson for Joshua to learn in preparation for war? Where are you in learning this lesson? Can you share a 'God moment' where you saw some aspect of God's character/glory?

EXODUS 32 Principle of **IDOL HEART WARFARE**. How did God teach Joshua that the greatest battlefield is the human heart and idols are its greatest enemy? A good thing

becomes a bad thing when it becomes the main thing. What idol(s) have you exchanged for the glory of the Lord?

EXODUS 33:7-23 Principle of **MEETING GOD FACE TO FACE.**

What vital boot camp lesson(s) in preparation for war did Moses model before Joshua? How did Joshua respond? Why was there again an emphasis on seeking to see/experience God's glory (His collective character)?

NUMBERS 11:1-35 Principle of **A COMPLAINING HEART.** In this fifth mention of Josh, why did he need to learn that a griping, complaining heart is a coward and conquered heart? How do verses 20 and 23 reveal the core of a complaining heart? How are you learning this?

NUMBERS 13-14 Principle of **FULLY TRUSTING GOD'S**

CHARACTER. What aspects of God's character had the people seen throughout the years but forgotten in this incidence? How did fear (13:30-33) play a role in taking their eyes off God's character? What made Caleb and Joshua's hearts different from the rest (14:24)? Are you in learning this lesson?

DEUT 34:1-12 Principle of **WISELY APPLYING GOD'S TRUTH.** What

boot camp lesson(s) in preparation for war did God teach Joshua in this seventh encounter when punished Moses and he died? Are you in learning this lesson? Are you passing it on?

ASSIGNMENT 1. Evaluate your life according to these boot camp basics. 2. Using the 4 steps of leadership training pass these on to 1 other person.

TAG TEAM DISCUSSION Which of these boot camp basics is God currently teaching as you become the leader He is calling you to be at home? Work? Church?