

## **Joshua's Commission to Conquer**

Joshua 1:1-5

*Joshua the man: skilled militarily (Ex. 17:3=8,9), close attendant of Moses (24:13,14, 33:11), undaunted spy (Num. 14:6-8), chosen by the Lord (Num. 27:18-20), and a man who paralleled Moses in many ways. Joshua must have been about 80 like Caleb, who himself was around this age based on Josh. 14:7 (40 yrs. old before the wandering period).*

### **Crossing: Joshua must go get what the Lord has given, 1:1-3**

○God's command: *Arise and cross.*

God's provision: *which I am giving / I have given you.* Note the repetition of God "giving" this land (Gen. 12:7, 13:15, 26:3,4)

○The land is promised / given, but Joshua and the nation must go and get it. How is this similar to some things God has given us?

### **Conquest: Joshua must believe the Lord is with him, 1:4-5**

○Area to take again summarized in verse 4, Num. 34:1-12, Dt. 1:7,8.

○*No man able to stand...* = earlier promise in Dt. 7:24b, 11:25.

*I will be with you* = Dt. 31:6-8 / John 14:16, Mtt. 28:20

*I will not fail / forsake you* = Dt. 31:6-8, Heb. 13:5

