Part #1 RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Scripture Song: Be strong and of good courage – Deut. 31:6

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are beginning a new series of studies on Lessons of Faith from Joshua. Today's topic: RECIPE FOR SUCCESS.

1) Chosen to lead

a. Joshua 1:1-5 Who chose Joshua to be the successor to Moses?
b. What experiences in the life of Joshua were a preparation for his leadership role as the successor to Moses? Exodus 33:11, Numbers 14:6-9, 27:18-23
c. What are your thoughts about being chosen as the successor to the prophet Moses?
d. What descriptions can we find in the Scriptures of the character of Joshua, son of Nun? Numbers 32:11-12, Deuteronomy 34:9, etc.
e. What important lessons can we learn as we begin our study of Joshua?

2) Promises fulfilled

a. Read Joshua 1:2-3 again. What response was necessary to experience the fulfillment of the LORD's promise given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
b. Hebrews 6:13-18 What does it mean to be heirs according to the promise?
c. What promises has the LORD made to us that will only be fulfilled when we accept His gracious invitation? (Matthew 11:28-30, John 3:16, etc.)

3) The need to be strong and very courageous

a. Joshua 1:6-9 What message was repeated in the LORD's appeal to Joshua?
b. Why was it necessary to be strong and very courageous?
c. Where does our strength and courage come from? Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10, etc.
d. Share a time when God gave you strength and courage to meet a challenge in your service for Him.

4) The assurance of success

a. Joshua 1:7-8 There are many definitions of success in our world. What is success from the LORD's perspective?
b. What is the relationship between obedience and ultimate success in fulfilling the mission given to us by God?
c. What promises of God assure us of His desire to guide us to His desired outcome for our lives? (Psalm 32:8, Jeremiah 33:3, etc.)

5) Preparing to cross the River Jordan

a. Joshua 1:10-15 What impacts you about the instructions Joshua gave to the officers of the children of Israel as they prepared to cross the River Jordan?
b. Joshua 1:16-18 What are your thoughts about the response of the officers to the instructions of Joshua?