

Joshua 1 - Enduring Promise, New Generation

Background/Storyline:

1. God assures Joshua (Josh 1:1-9)
 - a. His promise to give the land to the Israelites remains unchanged (vv.1-4)
 - b. His presence continues to abide (v.5)
 - c. His assurance rests upon two commands (vv.6-9)
 - i. Joshua is to be strong and courageous if he is to be successful (vv.6-7a, 9)
 - ii. Joshua is to obey God's word fully if he is to be successful (v.8)
2. Joshua aligns God's people (Josh 1:10-15)
 - a. They must act upon God's promise to possess the Promised Land (vv.10-11)
 - b. Those who have obtained their possession are to help those who have yet to obtain their possession (vv.12-15)
3. God's people pledge allegiance to Joshua (Josh 1:16-18)
 - a. Total commitment to follow and obey Joshua (vv.16-17a, 18a)
 - b. Condition upon Joshua's commitment to obey God's commands (vv.17b, 18b)

Fitting into the Redemption Storyline

Reflection:

- Jesus is the fulfilment of OT Joshua, who brought His people into the Promised Land (kingdom of God). What does it mean for you to pledge full allegiance to Him in this coming year?
- Derivatively, leaders in Christian ministry are under-shepherds following the Chief Shepherd (cf. 1 Pet 5:1-4):
 - If you are a leader, what do you have to be mindful of?
 - If you are a follower, how would you support your leader?