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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Every nation needs good leaders. We all need people at the top who really care about truth and justice – people who are wise and strong. But throughout our world's history, many leaders have put themselves first and have used their power to get great riches. They punish anyone who stands up for the right and they do not care about the suffering of their people. But Joshua, Israel's new leader after the death of Moses, was not like that. With all his heart he obeyed and honoured the One True God, and he cared deeply about his people.

As a young man, together with Caleb, Joshua had encouraged the Children of Israel to trust and obey God and go into Canaan to conquer its giants. But the people had listened to the ten unbelieving spies. They had let fear and doubt overcome them. Then during all the long years in the wilderness Joshua had stood with Moses. Through Moses he had learned God's ways. And when God called him to be Israel's leader, he had faithfully followed God's laws. He had led the Israelites to victory and had allotted the lands for each tribe. At last there was peace and everyone could settle down.

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So the Children of Israel at last gained their earthly kingdom through trusting in God and obeying His commands. **Their** children after them would keep the land as long as **they** too trusted and obeyed the One True God. But if they gave honour to the false gods of Canaan, God promised they would **lose** this good land. Other nations would conquer them and take them into slavery.

After the land was allotted to the families of each tribe, Joshua had the Tabernacle set up for people to worship the Lord. The priestly families had not been given land to grow food but were given cities to live in. Joshua also established a series of cities throughout the regions to deal with matters of civic justice. They were called cities of refuge. Finally Joshua went to his own land. Some years later he called together all the Israelites at a central city. He urged them not to forsake their Creator God and the people, the elders and officials made a formal agreement to serve only Almighty God.

Joshua sent them back to their homes. He died soon after at the age of 110 years.

The name 'Joshua' in the Hebrew language has the same meaning as the name 'Jesus' in the Greek language. They both mean 'Saviour.' Joshua's leadership and Israel's obedience brought them victory in God's Promised Land.

The Bible book Judges, chapter 2, tells us that everyone served the Lord during Joshua's lifetime and throughout the lives of the elders who had worked with him. They were careful not to inter-marry with people who were in rebellion against their own Creator God. They did not join in with pagan feasts and customs or to make any treaty with idol-loving people.

By contrast God's kingdom is not like any earthly kingdom. You will not find any country in this world that you can call 'God's kingdom.' Instead, it is a spiritual kingdom in the hearts and lives of everyone who loves and follows Him. Although God's people live in this world we are to live according to His kingdom's standards and values.

When the LORD Jesus tried to get his disciples to think about the Kingdom of God, their thinking had to change from the idea of an earthly kingdom to come to spiritual understanding. Jesus explained that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. The Kingdom started out small just like a tiny mustard seed which over time grew into a small tree. God can use ordinary people to accomplish much if they only surrender their life to Him.

Everyone who is in the kingdom of God has become God's child through claiming the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross as a substitute for us. We admit all past wrongdoing, mistakes and self-centredness. From this time forward we are His and give ourselves to live for Him. Our **reason** for doing this is not **fear**. No! As the Bible book I John, chapter 4 says, 'We **love** (Him) because He **first loved** us.' We live in a world that is in rebellion against its Creator, but God's Kingdom still keeps growing.

Most people want their life to have significance, to do something well and be remembered for it. This pushes people to work hard and sometimes do without things so their children or someone else will benefit. Everything done for the Lord Jesus will have eternal rewards. God has a plan and a purpose for each believer's life. It is our job to pray for guidance for each decision we need to make regarding our circumstances. Sometimes a door of opportunity opens when it is not expected.

Many opportunities come suddenly, including the chance to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ. We need to be prepared.

Some Christians have been amazed at the things God has enabled them to do by trusting in His strength and help. A high school student injured in a diving accident lost the use of her arms and legs. But as a godly young lady despite such limiting circumstances she has become a household name in many countries around the world.

People desiring to live God's plan for their life never lead a dull, boring life, unnoticed by others. On the contrary, following God's plan brings many challenges and blessings. We don't have to worry about comparing ourselves to others. Competition between brothers and sisters or workmates can destroy any chance of friendship and caring for others' needs.

Are you in God's kingdom? Are you sure you will go to heaven when your life on this earth is over? The Bible tells us how at the end of time, God's kingdom is going to be the only kingdom left. Do not miss God's offer of a lifetime by delaying your response.

You can be very sure God will forgive your wrongdoing and make you His child if you come to Him through His dear Son Jesus.

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