

The Joshua Project

How the Lord Led Moses

Church Life Cycle

The general rule of thumb for the length of a church life cycle is between thirty and forty years

So a new 30 year life cycle will by default require a new generation of leaders

Though we Make Plans, The LORD Establishes

Jer 10:23 ESV I know, O LORD, that **the way of man is not in himself**, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.

Pro 16:9 ESV The heart of man plans his way, but **the LORD establishes his steps**.

The development of Joshua as leader in Israel

Exo 17:8-10 ESV Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. 9 So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." 10 So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

“Moses said to Joshua”

- Moses was still the leader and gave the overall direction
- But the execution of that direction was carried out by Joshua

“Choose for us men”

- He was learning to work as a team
- He was learning to make important decisions
- He was learning to make decisions for the welfare of the congregation

“And go out and fight”

- He was to go be engaged in the work

“I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands”

- Moses' role in this was equally important
 - It was about intercession for the army
- Joshua's success was directly related to Moses' intercession

Moses is told he will be dying

Num 27:12-13 ESV The LORD said to Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abarim and see the land that I have given to the people of Israel. 13

When you have seen it, **you also shall be gathered to your people**, as your brother Aaron was,

Num 27:15 Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,
16 "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all
flesh, **appoint a man over the congregation**

.....18 So the LORD said to Moses, "Take
Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the
Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

Jos 1:1-5 ESV After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

Summary:

- Even as we make a plan, we want the LORD to direct our steps
- Even as we raise up leaders, we want the LORD to choose the next leader in His time
- The Joshua Project is to give new leaders the opportunity to “pick an army and fight the battle”
- To work as a team

Areas of focus:

- Inward - maintain a healthy church with an emphasis on discipleship
- Outward - focus resources on sharing the gospel
- Care for the elderly and widows
- Children, Youth, Young Adults

Moses Directing

Leaders Emerging

Time

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