

Read the seventh chapter from The Story (pgs 73-83) or Joshua 1-2, 6, 8, 10-11, 23-24 in one sitting. Consider doing the reflection questions on three separate days to put space between your learning and allow for better and deeper retention. If three separate reflection times aren't practical, you may choose to read and answer all three days' questions in one extended personal devotional time.

Day One

1. God gave Joshua very specific instructions (page 73 or Joshua 1:7-9) about keeping the “Book of the Law” (Genesis–Deuteronomy). How would you put in your own words God’s instructions to Joshua? What promises accompanied God’s command?
2. Knowing that God is everywhere at all times, what did God mean when He told Joshua, “[I] will be with you wherever you go” (page 73 or Joshua 1:9)? Consider keeping that thought before you for a whole day. You might wear a rubber band as a reminder, or write, “I am with you” and keep it in a prominent place. Before bed, jot down all the ways you noticed God’s presence throughout the day.

Day Two

1. When Rahab described the mighty acts of God, she concluded, “the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on earth below” (page 74 or Joshua 2:11). Given that culture’s prevailing belief that gods were territorial and mostly personal (“my god versus your god”) what is the significance of Rahab’s statement? How might unbelievers misunderstand the phrase “my God” when used by Christians?
2. In addition to its impressive walls, Jericho’s gates were “securely barred” (page 75 or Joshua 6:1). Yet God told Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands...” What is a “securely barred gate” in your life that God wants to break down? What simple step could you take today that shows you trust Him to do that?

Day Three

1. At the end of his life, Joshua reminded the Israelites, “not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed” (page 82 or Joshua 23:14-15). What are three good promises God has given you—from Scripture—that you are counting on? How is your life different because you are trusting Him to fulfill those promises?
2. Before Joshua died, he challenged the people to choose between the gods everybody around them served and the One True God. What “gods” (for example, skewed values, prejudices, or priorities) from your family or the surrounding culture pull you away from wholehearted devotion to God? What would “throwing away” those idols look like for you?