

Joshua

Taking the Promised Land

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The Call

God taps Joshua to take the inheritance.

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The call

The LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.”

-Joshua 1: 6

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The Giants

Why it's hard to get what God intends for us.

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The land of the giants

They gave Moses this account: “[The] land...does flow with milk and honey!...But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.”

-Number 13: 27-28

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Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

-Ephesians 6: 12

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The Method

How to fight the giants.

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God's Goals

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

-Joshua 5: 13

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God's Goals

“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”

Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

-Joshua 5: 14

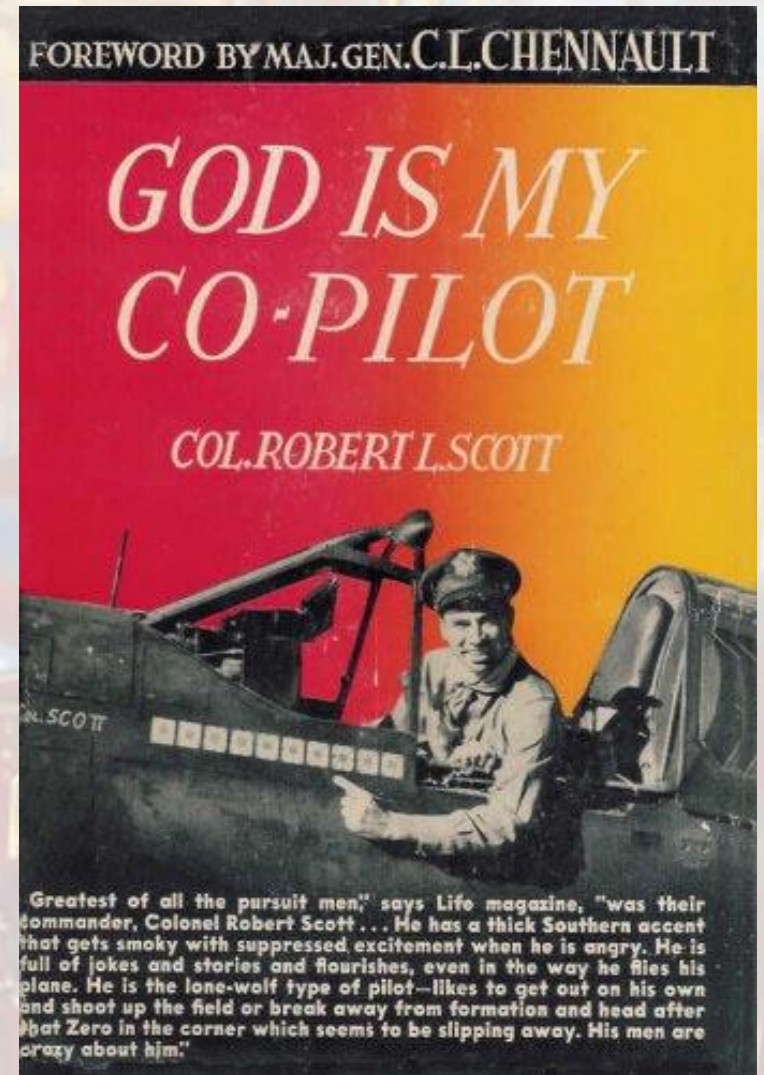
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God's Goals

The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

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-Joshua 5: 15



“My survival of the assassination attempt is a sign of Providence that I must continue my work, and therefore I will continue it.”

-Hitler, after the Valkyrie plot failure, 1944

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God's Methods

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law that my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.”

-Joshua 1: 7

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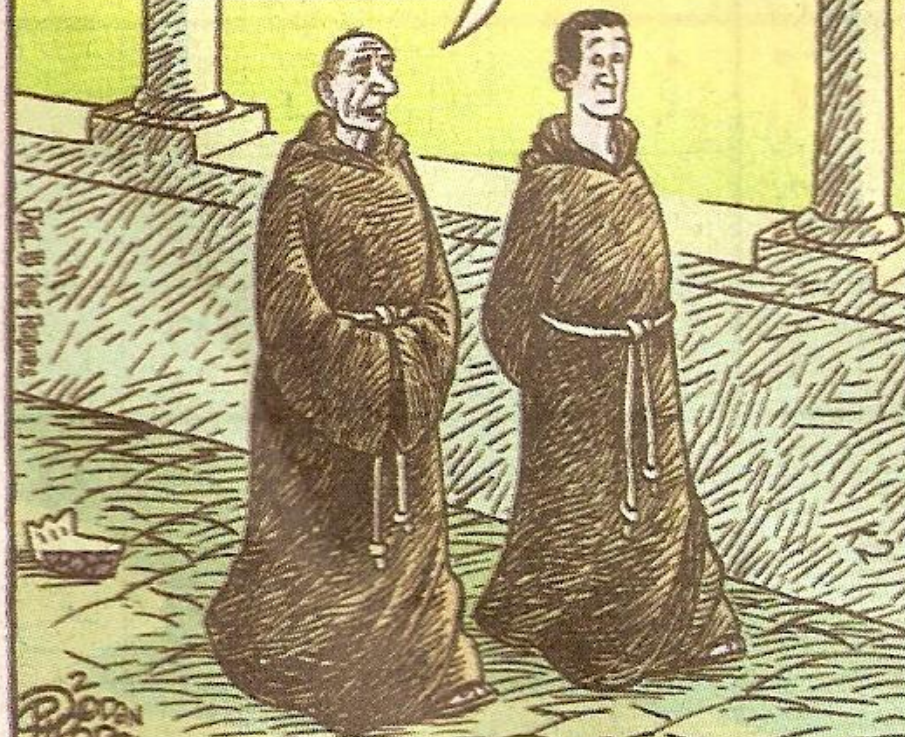
“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

-Joshua 1: 8

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When I was your age, it was all about enlightenment & charity. Now I just really love the comfort of clerical clothing.



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God's Methods

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

Don't assume that you know it all.

-Proverbs 3: 5-7

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You may say to yourselves,
“These nations
are stronger than
we are. How can
we drive them
out?”

-Deuteronomy 7: 17



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God's Timing

Do not be terrified by them, for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God. **The LORD your God will drive out** those nations before you, little by little.

-Deuteronomy 7: 21-22

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Jesus said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross **daily** and follow me.”



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-Luke 9: 23

The most important character
quality of giant killers is
HUMILITY

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The Man

Why God used Joshua and
not Moses.

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Moses fails

...the glory of the LORD appeared to them. The LORD said to Moses, “Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to the rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water.”

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-Numbers 20: 7-8



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Moses fails

Then Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he had commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock, and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

-Numbers 20: 9-10

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Moses fails

Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out and the community and their livestock drank.

But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

-Numbers 20: 11-12

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Joshua= (*Heb.*) “He saves”

“Jesus”= (*Gk.*) “He saves”



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Moses vs. Joshua

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

-John 1: 16-17

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