

PASSION CITY CHURCH

Study Guide

People, Get Ready

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Major Points

- 1 Faith must move beyond profession to possession — knowing Jesus means entering the fullness He has provided, not just praying a prayer**
Joshua 1:11
- 2 Many believers are stuck making laps in a wilderness of sin, fear, doubt, pride, or meaninglessness while the Promised Land has been theirs the whole time**
Joshua 1:10-11
- 3 You don't need to know the way; you need to know the Way Maker — follow God's presence even into the unknown**
Joshua 3:4
- 4 Consecrate yourself before the miracle, not after — be ready today in faith for what God will do tomorrow**
Joshua 3:5
- 5 God requires a step of faith before He acts — the priests had to put their feet in the flood-stage water before it parted**
Joshua 3:15-16
- 6 The land belongs to the people, but the people belong to God — we are captives in Christ's triumphal procession, not free agents pursuing our own agenda**
2 Corinthians 2:14

Key Quotes

Joshua is not simply about a profession of faith, rather it is about the possession of faith.

at 4:56

You don't need to know the way, you know the way maker.

at 20:46

Don't look for the plan. Look for me. Don't look for the footnote. Just look for me.

at 21:05

Consecrate yourself today in faith for what God will do tomorrow.

at 23:30

You gotta go by the holiness of God to get into the promise that he has for you.

at 26:42

"I will, but you've got to put your feet in the water first.

at 27:39

"The land belonged to the people, but the people belonged to God.

at 29:52

"Make sure you're not taken laps in a wilderness today, circling around something somebody said about you.

at 40:06

"Whatever you command, we will do, wherever you send, we will go.

at 36:42

"Faithful is he who calls you, and he will do it.

at 46:29

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Giglio distinguishes between a 'profession of faith' and 'possession of faith.' Where in your own life do you sense a gap between what you profess and what you are actually experiencing in your walk with God?
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2. Pastor Giglio lists many kinds of wilderness laps — doubt, shame, pride, meaninglessness, scrolling. Which of these resonates most with you, and what would it look like to stop making laps and start moving toward the promise?
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3. Pastor Giglio emphasizes that consecration comes before the miracle, not after. What does it practically mean for you to consecrate yourself today in faith for what God might do tomorrow?
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4. Pastor Giglio says 'you don't need to know the way, you need to know the Way Maker.' How does this challenge your desire for a clear plan before you take a step of obedience?
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5. Pastor Giglio shares how an offhand remark by a youth speaker kept him from church planting for 15 years. Is there a word spoken over you by someone that you have mistaken for God's word? How might you discern the difference?
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Word Studies

qadash

Hebrew

To consecrate, sanctify, set apart as holy; to prepare oneself or dedicate oneself wholly to God. In Joshua 3:5, this is the command given to Israel before the miracle at the Jordan — they were to purify and devote themselves to the Lord before He acted.

Usage: The Greek equivalent hagiazō is used 28 times in the NT (e.g., John 17:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

aron

Hebrew

A chest or ark; specifically the Ark of the Covenant ('aron hab-berit), the sacred container of the stone tablets, symbolizing God's holy presence among His people. In Joshua 3, it goes ahead of the people into the Jordan, representing God's holiness leading the way.

Usage: Referenced once in the NT in Hebrews 9:4 as part of the tabernacle description

thriambeuō

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Greek

To lead in a triumphal procession; in Roman culture, a general's victory parade where captives were displayed. Paul uses it in 2 Corinthians 2:14 to describe believers being led as captives in Christ's victory parade — belonging fully to the conquering King.

Usage: 2 times in the NT (2 Corinthians 2:14, Colossians 2:15)

Cross References

Hebrews 4:1-2

Warns that the promise of entering God's rest still stands and that the Israelites in the wilderness failed to combine the message with faith — directly paralleling Giglio's point about possession vs. mere profession

Hebrews 11:30

By faith the walls of Jericho fell — the next chapter in Israel's Jordan crossing story demonstrates that the same stepping-into-the-water faith continued to bring victory in the Promised Land

Romans 6:4

Believers are buried with Christ through baptism into death and raised to walk in newness of life — connecting the Jordan crossing to the baptism imagery and third-day resurrection theme Giglio highlights

Philippians 3:12-14

Paul presses on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of him — echoing the call to possess what has already been given rather than settling for profession alone

1 Peter 1:15-16

Be holy in all you do, for God is holy — reinforcing Giglio's observation that holiness goes first in every great move of God, just as the Ark led the way into the Jordan

Further Reading

- **Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table**
by Louie Giglio
- **The Pursuit of God**
by A.W. Tozer
- **Be Strong: Putting God's Power to Work in Your Life (Joshua)**
by Warren W. Wiersbe

Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
Joshua 1:10-11	Read Aloud	6:30	<i>So Joshua ordered the officers of the people, 'Go ...</i>
Joshua 3:1-17	Read Aloud	18:20	<i>Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites...</i>
Exodus 3:7-10	Read Aloud	32:40	<i>The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of m...</i>
2 Corinthians 2:14	Read Aloud	34:40	<i>But thanks be to God, who always leads us as capti...</i>
1 Thessalonians 5:24	Read Aloud	46:00	<i>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do ...</i>