

# Winning Life's Battles!

## Joshua's Relationship with God

1. Some of the earliest mentions of Joshua are as Moses' aide
  - A. Joshua went with Moses to the mountain to meet with God – Exodus 24:12-14 (78)
  - B. Joshua learned complete awe for God – Exodus 24:15-18 (78)
  - C. Joshua is with Moses when he confronts the Israelites for making a golden calf to worship – Exodus 32:15-20 (86)
  - D. Joshua was frequently with Moses when he was meeting with God – Exodus 33:7-11 (87)
2. Joshua undertakes his first leadership experience
  - A. Joshua was chosen as one of 12 spies to report on the promised land – Numbers 13:4-16 (142)
  - B. All the spies agreed that the land was bountiful – Numbers 13:23-27 (143)
  - C. Ten spies focused on the difficulties of taking the land – Numbers 13:28-29 (143)
  - D. Joshua and Caleb chooses to focus on the power and promise of God – Numbers 14:6-9 (143)
  - E. God punishes the ten spies and promises that Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the land – Numbers 14:20-30 (144)
3. Lessons from Joshua
  - A. If we have a small view of God we will see problems as larger than they are.
    - 1) The ten spies grossly exaggerated their report to support their view – Compare Numbers 13:28-29 and Numbers 13:31-33 (143)
  - B. If we have an accurate view of God, no problem is too large – Joshua's view of God was firsthand
    - 1) To Joshua, the only thing he needed to know was that God was with them – Numbers 14:8 (143)
  - C. If we look only at what we can accomplish, we will miss most of what God has in store for us.
    - 1) Those who doubted God would die in the desert – Numbers 14:31-38 (144)
    - 2) God's plan was for Joshua to become the next leader of His people – Deuteronomy 3:28 (175)
  - D. In order to be used by God, we must sometimes stand against the crowd.
    - 1) God's leaders often stand alone – Acts 4:18-20 (1059)