

# Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 96 – April 6

## Today's Readings:

Joshua 1 & 2

Psalm 41.1-13

Proverbs 13.15-16

Luke 8.26-56

1. Reflect on the command given to Joshua to "be strong and courageous" (verse 6). What significance does this command hold for Joshua as he prepares to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land? How might this command apply to us in our own lives and callings?
2. Explore the promise given to Joshua that God will be with him wherever he goes (verse 9). How does this promise of God's presence provide encouragement and assurance for Joshua? How can we trust in God's presence and faithfulness in our own journeys?
3. Reflect on the charge given to Joshua to meditate on God's law day and night (verse 8). What role does God's word play in Joshua's leadership and success? How can we prioritize the study and meditation of God's word in our own lives?
4. Discuss the importance of obedience in Joshua's leadership, as emphasized throughout Joshua 1. How does Joshua's commitment to following God's commands set an example for the Israelites and inspire confidence in his leadership? How can obedience to God's word strengthen our own leadership and influence?
5. Reflect on the role of preparation and planning in Joshua's leadership, as described in verses 10-11. How does Joshua's attention to detail and organization demonstrate wisdom and foresight in preparing the Israelites for their journey? How can we apply principles of preparation and planning in our own endeavors?

6. Explore the response of the Israelites to Joshua's leadership, as described in verses 16-18. How does their affirmation of Joshua's authority and commitment to following his lead set a positive tone for their journey into the Promised Land? How can we support and encourage those in leadership positions?
7. Discuss the themes of courage, faith, and trust in God's promises throughout Joshua 1. How do these themes resonate with us today as we navigate challenges and uncertainties in our own lives? How can we cultivate a spirit of courage and faithfulness in our walk with God?
8. Reflect on Rahab's actions in hiding the Israelite spies and sending the king's men on a false trail (verse 4-7). What do Rahab's actions reveal about her faith in the God of Israel?
9. Explore the significance of Rahab's confession of faith in verses 8-11. What does Rahab declare about the Israelites' God, and how does this confession of faith impact the Israelite spies' perception of her?
10. Reflect on the risk Rahab took in helping the Israelite spies, given her status as a resident of Jericho and her allegiance to her people (verse 12-13). What motivated Rahab to defy her own people and align herself with the Israelites?
11. Discuss the concept of divine providence in the encounter between Rahab and the Israelite spies. How does God's guidance and intervention play a role in protecting Rahab and the spies from discovery and harm?
12. Explore the themes of redemption and salvation in Rahab's plea for mercy and protection for herself and her family (verse 14-20). How does Rahab's faith in God's promises lead to her salvation and the salvation of her household?

13. Reflect on the scarlet cord Rahab uses to lower the spies from her window (verse 21-22). What symbolic significance might this cord hold, and how does it foreshadow Rahab's redemption and inclusion in Israel?
  
14. Discuss the Israelite spies' report to Joshua about Rahab's confession of faith and the state of Jericho's morale (verse 23-24). How does Rahab's testimony strengthen Joshua's resolve and faith in God's promise to give them the land?
  
15. Reflect on the parallels between Rahab's story and the broader narrative of God's redemption and salvation for his people. How does Rahab's unlikely role in the Israelite story demonstrate God's grace and mercy towards all who repent and turn to him in faith?
  
16. Consider the practical implications of Rahab's story for our own lives and faith journeys. How can we emulate Rahab's courage, faith, and willingness to take risks for the sake of God's kingdom?
  
17. Reflect on a time when you witnessed God's providence and redemption in unexpected ways, similar to Rahab's experience in Joshua 2. How did that experience deepen your trust in God's faithfulness and shape your understanding of his redeeming love?
  
18. Reflecting on Psalm 41.1, which speaks of blessing those who consider the poor, why do you think God promises to deliver and protect those who care for the needy? How have you experienced God's blessing when you have shown kindness to others in need?
  
19. In verse 4, the psalmist reflects on his own sinfulness and asks for mercy from God. How does the psalmist's confession of sin demonstrate humility and dependence on God's forgiveness? How can we cultivate a similar attitude of repentance and trust in God's grace?

20. Reflect on the psalmist's experience of betrayal and abandonment by his enemies, as described in verses 5-9. How does the psalmist respond to this betrayal, and where does he turn for refuge and comfort? How can we find strength and solace in God's presence during times of adversity?
  
21. Reflect on the psalmist's declaration of praise and confidence in God's unfailing love, as described in verses 10-13. How does the psalmist's focus on God's steadfast love and faithfulness enable him to overcome his enemies and rejoice in God's salvation? How can we praise God even in the midst of trials and difficulties?
  
22. Reflecting on Proverbs 13:15, which speaks of the way of the treacherous being hard, why do you think the path of deceit and dishonesty ultimately leads to trouble? How have you seen the consequences of unethical behavior in your own life or the lives of others?
  
23. In verse 15, there's a contrast between the way of the treacherous and the prudent. What qualities characterize those who walk in the way of wisdom, and how do they differ from those who choose the path of deceit and dishonesty?
  
24. Reflect on the concept of wisdom and its relationship to understanding, as emphasized in verse 16. How does seeking wisdom and understanding lead to a fulfilling and prosperous life? How can we cultivate a heart of wisdom in our own lives?
  
25. Discuss the theme of humility and teachability in the pursuit of wisdom, as described in verse 16. How does humility open the door to gaining knowledge and understanding, while pride and arrogance hinder growth and learning? How can we cultivate a humble and teachable spirit?
  
26. Reflect on the overarching theme of wisdom and integrity in Proverbs 13:15-16. How does the pursuit of wisdom and honesty lead to a life of stability and blessing, while the rejection of

wisdom and embrace of deceit lead to ruin? How can we apply these principles of wisdom and integrity in our daily lives?

27. Reflecting on the encounter with the demon-possessed man in Luke 8.26-39, what does this story reveal about the power of Jesus over spiritual forces of darkness? How does Jesus' compassion and authority bring freedom and restoration to the man's life?
  
28. Explore the significance of the demon-possessed man's response to Jesus' question about his name in verse 30. What might this reveal about the nature of spiritual bondage and the identity of the demonic forces at work in his life?
  
29. Reflect on the reaction of the townspeople to the healing of the demon-possessed man, as described in verses 34-37. Why do you think they were afraid and asked Jesus to leave? How does fear and misunderstanding often hinder people from recognizing and accepting God's miraculous work?
  
30. Discuss the significance of Jesus' instruction to the healed man to "Return home and tell how much God has done for you" in verse 39. How does this command reflect Jesus' desire for personal testimony and witness to his transformative power?
  
31. Reflecting on the story of Jairus' daughter in verses 40-42 and 49-56, what does this account reveal about Jesus' compassion and concern for those who are suffering? How does Jesus' willingness to heal and restore demonstrate his love and mercy?
  
32. Explore the themes of faith and perseverance in the story of the woman with the issue of blood, as described in verses 43-48. How does her persistent faith in seeking healing from Jesus despite societal barriers and obstacles lead to her miraculous restoration?

33. Reflect on Jesus' response to the woman with the issue of blood and his declaration of her faith in verse 48. How does Jesus' affirmation of her faith and his acknowledgment of her healing demonstrate his compassion and grace towards the outcast?
  
34. Discuss the contrast between faith and fear in the reaction of Jairus and the mourners to Jesus' announcement of the girl's death, as described in verses 49-52. How does Jairus' faith and Jesus' assurance of the girl's healing contrast with the disbelief and mockery of the mourners?
  
35. Reflect on Jesus' miraculous raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead, as described in verses 54-55. What does this miracle reveal about Jesus' power over death and his ability to bring life and restoration to the hopeless and the despairing?
  
36. Consider the overarching themes of faith, compassion, and restoration in Luke 8:26-56. How do these stories challenge us to trust in Jesus' power and authority, to persevere in faith despite obstacles, and to extend compassion and mercy to those in need?
  
37. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?