The Story and Center of the Bible

- The Bible: God's story of creation, rebellion, redemption, and new creation with Jesus at the center

The Structure of the Bible

- OT—5, 12, 5, 5, 12
- NT—4, 1, 21, 1

12 Books of History:

God forms His people into a nation.

- **From the Promise Land to God's faithfulness in a foreign land through judges, prophets, kings, and the Temple**

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22

Listen to: Joshua 1-4

Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

Numbers 12:3

And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face

Deuteronomy 34:10

“Though Moses was dead,
God’s purpose was quite alive.”

—Roy B. Zuck

Learn from: Joshua 1-4

- Causes for Courage—1:1-9
  - God's Calling—v.6a
  - God's Covenant—v.6b
  - God's Commands—v.7-8
  - God's Commitment—v.9

Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.

Proverbs 16:20

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- **What cause for courage do you need to consider today?**

Live by: Joshua 1-4

- **Get in the river!**
- **What river is God asking you to get in this week?**

Let others know: Joshua 1-4

that this may be a sign among you.
When your children ask in time to come,
'What do those stones mean to you?'

Joshua 4:6

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- **What have you learned standing still, and waiting for God's intervention?**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him…And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." —*Matthew 3:13, 16-17 (RSV)*