

CHOOSE  
THIS  
DAY.

# JOSHUA

## Joshua 1:1-9

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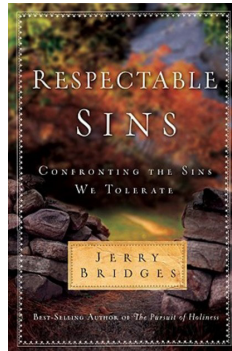
### Moses is Dead – Josh, You’re in! (v. 1-5)

Multiple years/decades of Preparation... Affected by the sin of a previous generation...  
God commissioned him...

#### **We must not tolerate sin. Any sin.**

*“...some sins are more serious than others. I would rather be guilty of a lustful look than of adultery. Yet Jesus said that with that lustful look, I have actually committed adultery in my heart. I would rather be angry at someone than to murder that person. Yet Jesus said that whoever murders and whoever is angry with his brother are both liable to judgment (see Matthew 5:21-22). The truth is, all sin is serious because all sin is a breaking of God’s law.” — Bridges, Jerry (2007-08-31). *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate* (p. 20). Nav Pr. Kindle Edition.*

*“Another term for cancer is malignancy. Medically, the word malignant describes a tumor of potentially unlimited growth that expands locally into adjoining tissue by invasion and systemically by metastasizing into other areas of the body. Left alone, a malignancy tends to infiltrate and metastasize throughout the entire body and will eventually cause death. No wonder cancer and malignant are such dreaded words. Sin is a spiritual and moral malignancy. Left unchecked, it can spread throughout our entire inner being and contaminate every area of our lives. Even worse, it often will “metastasize” from us into the lives of other believers around us. None of us lives on a spiritual or social island. Our attitudes, words, and actions, and oftentimes even our private unspoken thoughts, tend to have an effect on those around us.” – Ibid. (p. 23).*



### Blessing is Hinged On Obedience (v. 5-9)

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At the very heart of courage... at the very heart of knowing and recognizing God’s continual presence is \_\_\_\_\_!

## 1:10 HOMEWORK

1. In what areas of life are you required to lead? What are some ways God has prepared you for that over time?
2. Joshua had multiple experiences of people rejecting his leadership. How have people responded to your leadership? When is a time they followed, when is a time they rebelled and rejected you?
3. Other people’s sins affected Joshua in big ways. Skim through **Numbers 11-14, and Exodus chapters 24, 32, 33, 34** and list some of the sins that affected him.
4. How have you been affected by others’ sin? How has your sin affected others?
5. What “Respectable Sins” do you tolerate? Why? How do you tolerate and rationalize them?
6. How do your “Respectable Sins” affect others? How have they or how do they possibly affect our entire church?
7. When have you sensed God’s presence? When has he felt distant?
8. When is a time you’ve had extraordinary courage? When is a time you’ve been timid and afraid?
9. How does obedience affect your sense of God’s presence and your courage to follow Jesus?

## MAKE A CHOICE

**Read Colossians 3.** What “Respectable Sin” do you need to kill and be done with? Maybe it’s a big area of disobedience, maybe small? Whatever it is, what have you been tolerating that you need to put to death? **Make a choice.** Will you continue to tolerate it and make excuses? Or will you repent and turn to Jesus?

FOR NEXT WEEK: Read Joshua 1:1-18.  
**Memorize Joshua 1:9.**