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GOD HAS NOT

FORGOTTEN  
YOU

**KEY VERSE:**

*Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them and don't be frightened, because the Lord your God will go with you. He will not leave you or forget you.*

**Deut. 31: 6**



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**Wise Leaders 1:  
God Calls Joshua**



## KNOW WHAT:

- We learn that God called Joshua to lead his people after the death of Moses.
- Before Moses died he told Joshua, in front of all the people, that he would be the new leader.
- God made three promises to Joshua:
  - he would give him the land promised to the Israelites,
  - he would not be defeated,
  - he would be with him just as he had been with Moses
- God commanded Joshua to be strong and brave and to obey all the teachings Moses had given.
- God told Joshua that studying and obeying his word was key to being wise and successful.
- Joshua did as God said and started to lead the Israelites.

## SO WHAT:

- God promises to be with us. He will not leave us or forget us.
- God has plans for each of us. He wants some of us to be leaders too.
- Sometime he uses other people to help us know our calling.
- We too can be wise and successful as we study and live out God's teaching in the Bible.

## NOW WHAT:

- Let's get to know the Bible better.
- Let's discover God's call for our lives, and help others to find their calling too.

## JIM'S JOTTINGS

### Leadership is in the news!

Good leaders are vital but surprisingly rare. This week saw the 100th anniversary of the death of Edith Cavell, a British nurse in Belgium in the First World War. Edith need not have been there. When war broke out she was in the UK but, as a Christian, felt strongly that her job was to help wounded soldiers on both sides, British and German. She established a network of nurses who saved thousands of lives in the most challenging conditions. Her reward was a firing squad. But her legacy has inspired countless people through the generations particularly, but not only, in nursing. Her leadership and her self-sacrifice have motivated millions.

In public life Britain seems to have a shortage of truly courageous and principled leaders. Analysts suggest that the main reason Labour lost the General Election was that Ed Miliband was not seen as a credible leader. But this week many Labour MPs seem unhappy with their new leaders. Meanwhile the Care Quality Commission has pointed to serious failings in a number of hospitals in the UK. They have gone on record to say that the key issue is not money (although that is needed) but leadership. Some hospitals with the same funding as others are outstanding; others are failing. The failing ones need new leadership.

Today we start a series on Joshua, one of the great military leaders in history. His predecessor, Moses, had died and he was left leading two and a half million people into the land which their ancestors had occupied but left during famine 400 years before. The problem was that other people had moved in. The task seemed impossible. But God told Joshua to be strong and very courageous and that He (God) would never leave him. Joshua summoned up his courage and obeyed. The people followed and the rest, as they say, is history...