

# "CHOOSE TO SERVE THE LORD"

## The Book of Joshua

### **Who wrote The Book of Joshua?**

The text of The Book of Joshua was passed down over the centuries and probably not edited and recorded by ancient historians until after the destruction of Jerusalem in about 586 B.C.

### **How did The Book of Joshua get its name and/or what does that name mean?**

The Book of Joshua is named for Joshua the successor to Moses and a loyal servant of the Lord. This book is part of the Deuteronomistic history beginning in The Book of Deuteronomy and ends in The Second Book of Kings

### **When did these events take place?**

The events in The Book of Joshua took place in approximately 1260 B.C.

### **For more about The Book of Joshua:**

See page 195 in the [Fireside Catholic Youth Bible](#).

One way to know if someone really cares about you is to notice if they keep their promises. Their word becomes a bond between you until that promise is fulfilled. A broken promise can fracture even the strongest relationships, but a promise fulfilled might be remembered forever, especially if you've waited a long time for it to be kept.

The Book of Joshua tells just such a story. God keeps the promise He made of granting the Hebrew People a land of their own in this chapter. In addition, the covenant He first made with Abraham and revealed again and again in the first five books of the Bible is finally fulfilled in the conquest of the land of Canaan. In doing so, God again demonstrated His unending love of and fidelity to His Chosen People

Joshua was the loyal assistant to Moses who had just died. As a true servant of the Lord, he is given the responsibility of leading the Hebrews from the plains of Moab across the Jordan River and into the Promised Land. But the conquest isn't easy. At Jericho, they are met with resistance. But God again intervenes and they are able to overtake those who oppose them. In fact, the land of Canaan is filled with pagan city-states. Through chapter 12, you'll read the story of all the battles that must take place before the Israelites can claim total sovereignty over the whole land. The remainder of the book tells the story of how the Promised Land is divided up among the twelve tribes of Israel. The book concludes with Joshua's farewell and death.

**Interesting Fact:** Joshua and Caleb were the only two people remaining of the approximately 2 million Hebrews that Moses led out of exile in Egypt.

**Bonus Point:** Who was as strong at age 85 as he was at 40 years old?