



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

Are you a “gently ease in to the pool” type of person or do you jump in full force, cannonball style?

What’s your best summertime pool memory?

MAIN CONTENT

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be taking some time to talk about people in the Bible who made a big splash (impact) with their lives. Not only did they make an impact during their lifetime, but they also made a secondary impact years after they passed with what they accomplished through God’s strength.

This week, Pastor Kevin shared the impact Joshua had.

1. What is one thing that stuck with you from this week’s message?

Read Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua was chosen by God to help lead the people of Israel. Joshua followed Moses, who, with God’s help, rescued Israel from slavery. After being freed from Pharaoh and slavery, Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years to find the land God promised them.



Joshua experienced great loss when his leader Moses’ died. The loss of Moses resulted in pressure on Joshua to take over leading the people of Israel in to the Promised Land. When we experience a great loss like this, God is preparing us for something.

The pressure continued to fall on Joshua as he prepared to take over leading the people of Israel. The enemy tried to steal Joshua’s joy and confidence when Moses died and Joshua became the new leader.

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2. What has the enemy tried to steal from you in your life?

3. When the enemy tries to steal from you, how do you respond?

The pressure was strong and the enemy was looming over Joshua. But God reminded Joshua to “be strong and courageous” (Joshua 1:9). When we ask God’s presence to be present in our lives, we can live strong and courageous. He freely gives us His presence to remind us what we can do through Him. He is our provider, helper, strength and more.

God calls us to do things bigger than we can ever ask or imagine. When He does call us to these things, His presence is always greater than the pressure we feel in the situation. His presence is His gift to us. As we go to Him and seek Him through prayer and spending time with Him, His presence will lead us through the pressure we may feel in our circumstance.

4. What pressure or situation in your life do you need to give to God right now?

Even before we are feeling the pressure of life, the first thing God has called us to be is His sons and daughters. As we come to God in our circumstance and pressure we should approach Him as our father first. Why? Because He cares for us and wants to be present with us.

5. Is it hard for you to approach God as your father? Why or why not?

God, our Father, has promises for us. Just as God promised Joshua the new land for Israel He has promises for us. He wants to take us to new places and show us what He can do with and through us. It may not always be easy, but His presence will guide us through the pressure and bring us through it.

6. Has there been a time in your life God brought you through a “pressure” circumstance? Explain.

Joshua was called to rely on God’s presence to be strong and courageous. Years later, we see Jesus do the same thing with His disciples. **Read Matthew 28: 16-20**

Jesus called the disciples to do something greater than them. He left them with His presence to do these things, to continue to be strong and courageous. Jesus asked His disciples and us to take His presence wherever we go to do the things He has called us to do.

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7. Where do you need to be strong and courageous in your life?

8. Where do you feel God is calling you to leave a splash and impact on others like Joshua and Jesus did with their lives?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the reminder that with Your presence we can do all things. When we spend time with You, You bring us through the tough pressures of our lives. Remind us to lean in to You at all times and to take Your presence with us wherever we go. Help us make an impact on those around us through You. In Jesus', name. Amen.

ACTION STEP

Talk to another group member about where you feel God calling you to step out and make an impact. Seek God in prayer time with Him and ask for his presence to go with you as you do what he has called you to do.

One impact we can all make over the next few weeks is helping others. Consider serving as a group this summer with a Do Good Summer service project. Go to www.crosspoint.tv/dogoodsummer for more details.

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