



**Preparing for a A Spiritual Journey”  
Joshua 1:1-9**

**Theme...**

- *Spiritual journeys don't just happen... in Scripture we find God shaping people over a long period of time to ready them to accomplish His mission and purpose. (Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Israel, etc...)*
- *Today God is readying Salem to go to a new place with Him!*

**1. To Prepare for a Spiritual Journey... you will have to chart a course by faith and obedience**

- These are not our usual tools for a journey
- 1:6, 1:7, 1:9 “be strong and courageous”

**How do you chart a course for success?**

- Knowing which way God wanted them to go was simple...
- Finding the courage/ obedience to go was the real challenge...

**2. To Prepare for a Spiritual Journey... Embrace God's vision for you!**

**(2:24) Sometimes God's vision for us is a corporate vision (in other words sometimes He leads us by leading the body, the church)**

**An Exercise in Vision...**

- We look back & remember God's pattern of faithfulness (His Word, His mighty acts)
- We look ahead & celebrate our future...
- We look around at God's plan right now
- We look inward and prepare spiritually for whatever is coming
- We look up and get ready to encounter God!

**3. To prepare for a spiritual journey... Make sure the journey really is a spiritual event (3:3-4) A spiritual journey is a journey which is focused on God's purposes...**

- His presence is essential (ark of covenant)
- His plan is adequate
- His power is sufficient

**4. To prepare for a spiritual journey... We must take on the disciplines of a spiritual pilgrim**

- 3:5 “consecrate yourselves”
- So a spiritual journey is not a “mystical” or new concept.. It involves the age old disciplines of the faith: To rejoice in the Lord
- To pray and confess
- To meditate on God's Holy Word
- Servanthood

**5. Ultimately the journey begins with a step into the waters...**

- 3:14-16