

“Defining Moments”

Defining moments accelerate change



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“Broke 4 min. mile”

“God uses defining moments to move us from where we are into who He has called us to become.”

- ANON

Q. Characteristics of a Defining Moment?

- 1. Significant change**
- 2. Strong emotional impact**
- 3. Lasting memory**
- 4. Identity-shaping**
- 5. Before-and-after effect**
- 6. Meaning rather than magnitude**
- 7. Catalyst for action**
- 8. Often unexpected**

Joshua had a decision to make

Joshua 1:1-2 NLT

¹ After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, ²“Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, **the time has come** for you to **lead these people**, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into **the land I am giving them**.”

Q. Why is stepping forward compelling for BCC?

1 WMR is closing end July:

No space in Main BCC 9:30 service

Last Sunday: High attendance across 3 gatherings
Highest kids numbers this year (on normal Sunday)

BCC is growing at 20% per year
Need to find room for 50 people immediately
Across the year ... could become 150-200 people



BCC Survey

Joshua stood before a Defining Moment

Joshua 1:3-5_{NLT}

³ I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—⁴ from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.’ ⁵ ... I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

Continued success needs obedience

Joshua 1:7-8 NLT

⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then **you will be successful in everything you do.** ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

God's grace... brings us to a place of decision

Joshua 2:1-2; 9-10 NLT

¹ ...Joshua secretly sent out two spies from **the Israelite camp at Acacia Grove**. He instructed them, "Scout out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho." So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab...

⁹ **"I know the Lord has given you this land,"** she told them. "We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. ¹⁰ For we have **heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt...** *(and 2 Amorite kings had been defeated).*

The people stepped into their destiny

Joshua 3:14-16_{NLT}

¹⁴ So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, ¹⁶ the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, ...the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho.

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Q. How will I respond when God presents me with a defining moment?

Q. What will be the signs that God is leading?