

**How to Read the Bible**  
**Session 4 – Case Study**  
**Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)**

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After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

**Step 1: What did the passage mean to the Biblical audience?**

Observations:

Historical Context:

Literary Context:

Summary Statement:

**Step 2: What are the differences/similarities between the biblical world and mine?**

<u>Differences</u>	<u>Similarities</u>

**Step 3: What is the theological principle revealed in the passage?**

Timeless truths:

Principle:

**Step 4: How does the principle fit with the rest of scripture?**

**Part 5: How does the principle apply to Christian today?**