

## **The Playbook**

### **Ready:**

"This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night, so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do."

-Joshua 1:8

### **Set**

Major college and professional coaches are faced with intense pressure to win. What makes it even harder is when a coach is asked to replace a legend. Just ask Frank Solich who replaced Tom Osborne at Nebraska, or Jimmy Johnson who took over for Don Shula with the Dolphins. Neither man lasted more than six years after taking over for legendary coaches.

Joshua knew a little bit about replacing a legend. Moses had led the nation of Israel out of Egypt, given them the 10 commandments from God, and crossed the Sinai desert only to hand leadership over to Joshua right before entering the Promised Land. Joshua had a tough task ahead of him replacing a great "coach."

Throughout chapter one of the book of Joshua, God gives him encouragement and clear direction on how to be a successful leader of the nation: meditation on the playbook. Reading, knowing, understanding and living God's Law would guarantee Joshua success in his specific role.

Are you struggling with confidence in certain areas of your life? Follow God's plan for Joshua and see if the same will not hold true for you, too!

### **Go**

1. What could happen if you spent time seeking to understand God's playbook?
2. What could happen if you started to live out its instructions?

### **Workout**

2 Timothy 3:16  
James 1:22

James 1:25

### **Overtime**

"Father, help me to recall the truths from Your Word. Allow them to transform my attitude, motives and actions to ones that honor You within the responsibilities You have given me."

### **Bible Reference:**

James 1



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