

## *Joshua Discussion*

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*What would make Joshua feel inadequate to lead Israel?*

*What preparation had he already been through?*

*What is the value of feeling inadequate?*

*Might he have wished that the LORD had allowed Moses to continue?*

*Might he have been angry that the people voted against his and Caleb's plan to invade 40 years earlier?*

*How did the LORD respond to Joshua's terror?*

*What is the difference between terror and discouragement?*

*What do we need for each?*

*What experiences strengthened Joshua's faith?*

*Why did the LORD arrange for Joshua to meet the commander of the army of the LORD?*

*Is it likely that the LORD is always up to something more than we can comprehend?*

*Why did the LORD arrange to give Jericho to the Israelites in the way he did?*

*In today's world might Joshua have written a book and gone on a speaking tour?*

*Why did the LORD allow Achan's sin and the army's failure to happen?*

*Is a defeat always a failure?*

*How did Rahab show faith?*

*Why did the LORD include Gentiles in the ancestry of David and the Messiah?*

*Some nations were left undefeated to test the Israelites who had not experienced war. What enemies has the LORD left for us to defeat?*

*How can they be defeated?*

*What is necessary for us to defeat an enemy?*

*What do we learn from being in the battle?*