

# Historical Books – Pt1

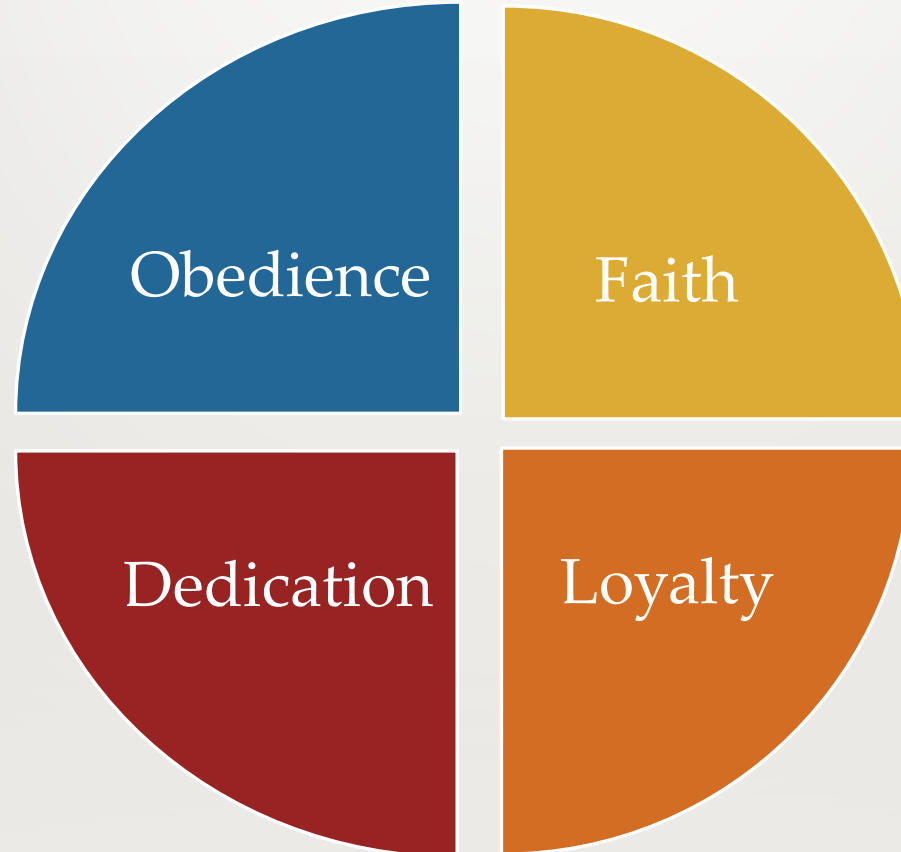
GR 10 – 12

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# Key Themes for discussion

Complying or willing to comply with an order or request; **submissive** to another's authority.

Commitment is about one's obligation while **Dedication** is about one's **passion** in the performance of the obligation.



Complete trust or confidence in someone/something  
"Through **experience** or someone we **trust**"  
– Fr. Anthony Messeh

The quality of being **faithful** in your **support** of someone or something.

# Joshua Overview

## Joshua Leads Israel (1 – 5)

- After 40 years in the wilderness
- Spying on Jericho
- Crossing the Jordan

## Conquering the Enemy (6 – 12)

- Walls of Jericho
- Battle of AI
- Defeated the 5 kings of the Amorites

## Dividing the Land (13 – 24)

- 12 Tribes of Israel
- Final words of Joshua:  
**“Choose this day whom you will serve”**



# What can we learn about Christ and the Church?

“Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them”

- Joshua 1:6

“Be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go”

- Joshua 1:7

“Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”

- Joshua 1:9



# Success of our Themes experienced in Joshua

## Faith

- Rahab: “For we have **Heard** how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea **for you**” (2:10)

## Loyalty

- Are you for God? (Angel of the Lord 5:15)
- Choose this day whom you will serve (24:15)

## Dedication

- 12 stones – “a sign when children ask what do these stones mean? (4:6)”

## Obedience

- Walls of Jericho vs Battle of AI



# What can we learn about Christ and the Church?

**“In those days there was no king in Israel; Everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25)**

- **The absence of God:** turning away from God = Israel’s destruction
  - We need God’s grace
- **“God’s Spirit” empowers even the weak, does not endorse bad decisions:**
  - **Gideon:** Built an ephod (took credit) + had Abimelech from a concubine
  - **Jephthah:** Son of a harlot. Doesn’t know God’s character and offers his daughter.
  - **Samson:** Tricked by two different women and enticed by another in between
- **We are not of this world**

# Failure of our Themes experienced in Judges

Faith

- Lacking from Gideon

Loyalty

- Lacking in Samson and Delilah

Dedication

- Jephthah wrongfully sacrificing his daughter

Obedience

- The Israelites would worship idols repeatedly





# Ruth Overview

## Ch 1: Tragedy and Death

- Naomi's husband and two sons are dead
- Ruth stays with her mother-in-law and Orpah leaves them
- Ruth & Naomi return to Bethlehem

## Ch 2: Hope

- Ruth meets Boaz – a relative to Naomi
- Boaz makes provision to Ruth and her family
- Boaz is the family redeemer

## Ch 3: Boldness

- Ruth is no longer dressing as a widow
- Ruth approaches Boaz with her intentions of marriage
- Boaz agreed but only legally

## Ch 4: Reversal of the Tragedies

- A closer relative declines to marry Ruth
- Ruth and Boaz are wed and she gives birth to a new son
- Her descendant is King David and eventually Christ



# What can we learn about Christ and the Church?

- God is not mentioned in the story – his hand is invisible
- Naomi is bitter but God is actually trying to restore her family:
  - We don't always understand God's plan
  - We should not abandon our faith amidst challenging times
- God is does this through Ruth's loyalty and Boaz' integrity:
  - Ruth is loyal to Naomi as the Church is loyal to it's people and to Christ
  - Boaz redeems their family as Christ redeemed us

# Success of our Themes experienced in Ruth

## Faith

- Naomi and Ruth have faith in Boaz as the family redeemer

## Loyalty

- Ruth to Naomi – Where you go I will go, your people = my people, your God = my God

## Dedication

- Boaz is dedicated to redeeming Ruth's family

## Obedience

- Ruth obeys Naomi and presents herself available for marriage to Boaz

# Conclusion

