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SUBJECT.

Joshua's Genius for Military Leadership.
Joshua—

Military Leadership

Bible characters with pictures are always acceptable to children, especially in Jewish and Christian households. Most grown human people cannot often be detained from other interests when reading to review the stories that pleased them in their early youth. I think the life-work of Joshua, with its infinite interest in human nature, is an exception to the rule. It presents a fascinating story.

I am inclined to give a study of his "genius for military leadership."

One may remark in the outset that the qualities which mark a man and distinguish him as a military leader are the same as those which are prominent in all leadership—in business when the battles in finance, in railways, in mining, and in politics of today, steadfastly to the front; they seldom lack abundant following because..."
The name given him by his parents was Joshua [meaning deliverance or safety]. His great predecessor, with a seeming violation, prophetic anticipation of what Joshua would eventually accomplish, changed his name from Joshua to Joshua which signifies "Jehovah's help." Lads' an often largely influenced by the name, particularly by what we designate a Christian name. Sherman, for example, among eleven children was called by his father "Jecus-schi," a great Jewish warrior. Who knew? said the sire "but this boy may become a great fighter." Sherman justified the prediction. And indeed Joshua lived up to the parents' hopes of becoming a conqueror by Jehovah's help. Our biographer declares that Joshua, or rather Joshua the son of Nun, was born among military arms near "a slave in the brick fields of Egypt."
Thus our see that they were already nearly forty years of age when the world of Israel passed from Egypt across the Red Sea, so that he was not much beyond his age in the flower of manhood when Moses chose him to guard the women and children who belonged to them against the bands of Amalek, which infested the mountain passes and infested the wilderness along their path.

These descendants of Ishmael have preserved their true characteristics. They were as wild as the seminole of floridas and as plentiful as our cheyennes of the western plains.

Without hesitation they ran upon the helpless and of the marching parades. They tore down without question or carry off their belongings goods as lawless plunder.

Then Moses showed his confidence in Joshua, who had waited for him in the mountain and had remained faithful to him and to his own trust. Then making a false god to please the people, had desecrated truly a servant them; but they saw to it in his make up to see a glimpse of...
Recall the scenes that followed Joshua's choice of fighting men: so Joshua did as Moses had said. "I know how to obey orders" and fought against Jericho. The treacherous enemies had made ready to attack them in the plain of Rephidim, and Joshua was fully prepared to meet them in battle.

"Tomorrow," said his thoughtful commander, "I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand! It was better than an ordinary flag or banner. It suggested the help of the God of armies.

When the sun was high, four of Joshua's men prevailed. When it went down, their hands failed them. For their hands were heavy; then they took a stone and put it under him; then they stayed up his hands. The men on one side and the other on the other side; and his hands never steadied until the going down of the sun. What a picture of sympathy and support. "And Joshua discomfited Jericho and his people with the edge of the sword."
The next expedition in which Joshua bore a part was a reconnaissance to extend across the Jordan into the very heart of Canaan, the land of promise. Twelve chiefs corresponding to the twelve tribes one of whom was himself set out full of hope and honor. They ran great risks, and indeed men very faithful in their clear-sighted observation. They returned after forty days absence filled with the story of what they saw and did. The land flowed with milk and honey and delicious fruits,—but oh, the people! They are strong. They dwell in walled cities. The children of Anak are more than giants. Before them we are as grasshoppers in their sight and in our own. Such was the majority report. The congregation, hearing this, lifted up their voices and cried; they wept that night. But in the morning Joshua and Caleb went unto their people, and addressed the discouraged people saying:
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Failure to clear the area may result in the termination of the event.

The decision of the Chairman and the President of the event is final.

2. Several graphs and charts are submitted for your perusal.

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It is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people."

The crazy congregation set out to "Stone them with stones", and were only prevented by a miraculous distinction of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Here we may note an outstanding of genius on the part of Caleb and Joshua.

Joshua had extraordinary courage, and he had also an unwavering faith in his Lord. Neither high, strong walls, nor giants many times larger than himself.

Terror of distress, and the most terrible thing of all, that perseverance of an angry multitude which would conciliate a sacrifice, or burn as a snare of the flame, could not abate one jot of his fearless proclamation of the truth.
Some time before the death of his great captain, Joshua was consecrated. He had had the discipline of numsmiting labor in his youth; he had been the adjutant of the great commander throughout a campaign of master proportions, and greater difficulties than Grant's or Lee's; he had learned, like our Sheridan, how to spy out the land and keep himself well informed between campaigns. The generalship of the enemy's lieutenants was his secret weapon, and he had been the general commander against a mistress of his weakness in another campaign of a much trying campaign at a fierce battle. First in to fame, the prince of his strength before his eye had grown dim, event a new commander was to be speedily selected. Here is the speech heard: "And Moses did as the Lord commanded. He killed Yosheu the son of Eleazar the priest and placed him before the congregation and laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge." And we shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who
I'm not sure what the text is about, but it appears to be a letter or a note of some sort. The handwriting is quite legible, and it seems to contain several paragraphs of text. There are some annotations and corrections in the middle of the page, but the overall content is difficult to summarize without further context. It seems to be a personal or informal writing, possibly a letter or a memo.
shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Uria before the Lord.
and at his word they [sic] went all his children with him; I shall go out and come in. Thus Moses
put some of his own honor upon Joshua, to seem to him the respect and obedience of the
people of Israel. Thus was changed the new leader to soon
to take his place.

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In an address to a company of young men, I heard an aged general, who was always called a rough and bristled tiger,
positively irreligious, and morally unsuccessful, say in his career, make a singular statement.

"Never," said he, "have I entered upon an important enterprise, or upon any business
except by prayer to Almighty God."

So Joshua began: Here is God's answer brought in
some way from the altar of prayer.

Then shall not a man be able to stand before thee all the days of my life; as [sic] (the Lord) was with me.
Messias, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shall Manasseh divide for an inheritance the land which of old was sown unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law. Turn not aside to the right hand or to the left, but thou shalt walk in all the ways of the law, whereunto the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.

Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and thou shalt learn good success.

Then was man upon man, and upon prophet upon prophet: "I am not to be commanded thee?"

"Be strong and of good courage! Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersover even those that goest."

After this solemn communicon & assurance, Joshua went to the increase among the people already well organized in their
truly, and gave forth the detail of his orders. We have your nation. Within three days you will cross this river and go forth to possess the promised land—two tribes, the half tribe of Manasseh will stay this side of the Jordan, but the fighting men will go over to help their brethren to return when they attain a rest.

The answer of the warriors was prompt and full of hearty: “All that thou commandest us we will do” and “whether seven tens sendest us one will go”.

The first city to be taken on the side that crossed the river was Yorktown on the Peninsula of Virginia. It was Jericho which was encompassed by wall. When they set out Joshua kept his men warriored well equipped, well in hand. Twice in this campaign before Jericho fell it is said “and Joshua rose early in the morning.” In essential, then in all good leadership. How to set the
Spies—how they were received by Rahab. The gate-keeper and what they reported, and how after the garrison was crossed over, and after five days Jericho was taken. This is a story by itself of trust, painstaking, and fearlessness and humble devotion to God, and of a great army singularly obedient to that leading hand which. Anyone can see history in the story of Rahab. Immediately after the river crossing he built up a memorial to show coming generations: “That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty! That He (all-Israel) might fear the Lord, your God, forever.”

Now Joshua moved forward to the next city. His scouts reported, came back and made a clean report. It is a smallish city, no need of all the army. So Joshua sent out about 3000 men. They were so sure of victory, under Joshua’s orders given in the fear of God. That they were all taken aback to see 36 of them
Shoe - from X where wheel was removed.

After sneeze - received a letter from [name].

Some friends wrote me and said they were coming to visit.

My new shoes - they agreed to give me a ride.

And after that - I went home in a taxi.

I am glad I never met [name] again.
fall in the first onset. The foe fled 
burst heavily in their flight. "Wherefore the 
hearts of the hearts of the people (all the people) melted 
and became as water."

Here is the first great disaster like our first disaster at Bull Run. Still 
Joshua sent his garment—gather after 
all Israel before the ark of the Lord—there 
they fall upon your faces and adore 
unto the God of Armies.

It was even revealed that a great sin had 
been committed. The king born Jericho 
promised to the service of the Lord had in 
part been kept back. Achan confessed the 
sin. He and his family were punished 
with death. The criminals were sacrificed 
that the guiltless might be delivered from 
the terrible curse.

Now we find a touch of Joshua's genius. He 

knew the men of Ai would be over-confident. 

He took prompt advantage of that 

the next morning for the army of a dark night 

"Mighty men of valor" into ambush close by the 

city, then he led his main army toward the gates of Ai.
His forces made the point of placing before
the enemy a rush and attack of their
forces. While 5000 of Joshuah's men worked
their way around the city between Ai and Bethel.
As the main army fled the men of Ai and the people
in general pursued.

Just at this night time, Joshuah, like Moses
in Joshuah's battle against Amalek, stretched
forth this time the spear that was in his
hand toward the city. Then the ambush
rose and took the city and set it on fire.

Joshuah's face looking back saw the flames
and the smoke ascending to heaven; so they
had no power to flee this way or that way.
They were this time broken and destroyed and
the King of Ai was hanged before the end of
that terrible day. The spoil was this
time given to be distributed among the conquerors.

Joshuah was very ready to recognize the
hand of the Lord in this complete victory.

He built an altar unto Jehovah in Mount
Ebal, which was not far away from Ai.
There were no large villages on the road from Gibeah to Azekah. After the settlement of the twelve tribes, they lay near along the boundary lines between Benjamin and Ephraim. The road connecting these villages crossed the battle-ground of Joshua against the five kings of the Amorites. These hostile forces were holding this most important thoroughfare from the east to the west of Palestine.

In this instance, the Gileadites called Joshua from his fortified camp at Gilgal to come to Gibeah to help them, as the combined combination was preparing to take and destroy the city. This time moved like Napoleon Joshua. When he crossed the Alps against the Austrians, his forces were in the midst before anybody suspected the coming. He broke their army into fragments and burned the fragments without a halt.
It was then that Joshua cried of his Lord for a longer day—then after these words that men uttered: "The sun stood still when
still when gibbons; and then, moon, in
the Valley of Aijalon"—"So, as it is
written in Jasher": the moon stayed, and
the sun stood still in the midst of
heaven;—
and there was no such day as that before
it or after it, that the Lord hearkened
unto the voice of a man: for the
Lord fought for Israel. A great hail
fell upon them as they fled down toward
the Gebaun: more died from hail stones than men
slain with the sword. The kings fled to
a cave near Ma'edekah. Joshua had
a cave near Ma'edekah. Joshua had
from the mouth of his
mouth that is; as soon as he was ready he
stood before him and caused his army
to stand before his feet from their
captains to put their feet upon their
necks: then he caused them to be
hanged. It is strange but the record is
that Joshua said to his captains: fear
not, the strong and of good courage, for thus
Shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

We need not follow Joshua step by step.

In five years he had thoroughly outstripped in war purposes his predecessors.

The thirty centuries warlike kings and

Israelites now were to have the land and

possess the land which had been promised to Abraham

Isaac and Jacob.

Then there being no more enemies to fight the land had rest.

The division of the country of the Conquest

The tribes of Israel now grown to

millions was not an easy task. Joshua

in behalf of trusted leader did this.

It was a great work to establish

the big cities of refuge, to distribute to the

Levites (the established clergy of the people)

to 48 cities well chosen.

Again he did not forget to bring the whole

People of the Congregation to Shechem

there were there the Altars and the Ark of the Covenant.
Lastly many years past the ceasing of his wonderful life he wrought his peace concerning all things and delivered to them addresses. Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and truth. "If ye forsake the Lord and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt and consume you, after he hath done you good."

The people answered: Nay: but we will serve the Lord.

After his setting apart hours and words of promise, Joshua said: after he had put their a. words of promise in the Book of the Law, said: "Behold this stone shall be a witness unto me: for I have heard all thy words of the Lord which he spake unto me; it shall be a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God."

Joshua was an able warrior a devout. He may have been dead at times; he certainly was by the sides of some pretenders who claimed that they came from far when they were actually neighbors.
I always sought the Lord, and was governed by His divine impulse—bathing His own judgment in its sunlight. One says truly of Joshua: He combined thought with gentleness—while He wielded great power and directed it calmly, without evererring, to the accomplishment of a great and unselfish purpose.

Josephus, the ancient historian, gives him this character (I mention the introduction 19. 165).

The answer to the question: What was Joshua's genius for military leadership? is: a large natural latent for organization, for planning a campaign, for fighting a battle, and for keeping the love and confidence of his soldiers, never forgetting to lean upon the arm of his Lord in defeat or in victory.
In the beginning, a great flood of water filled the Earth. The seas rose and the land submerged, leaving only a few islands above the surface. All living things perished except for a few animals that were saved in Noah's Ark. After the flood, the Earth was left barren and lifeless. It was up to the plants and animals to repopulate the Earth and bring it back to life.
In Joshua, when he had thus discouraged them, died having lived 110 years, 40 of which he lived with Moses, in order to learn what might be for his advantage afterwards. He also became the Commander after his death for 45 years. He was a man that wanted not wisdom, nor eloquence to declare his intentions to the people, but very eminent on both accounts. He was of great courage and magnanimity in action, and in danger; and very sagacious in procuring the peace of the people, and of great virtue, at all proper seasons.