

## DISCUSSION GUIDE - SET M



As Joshua prepared the children of Israel to conquer the land of Canaan he made it clear that first priority went to those with whom he had immediate and direct control: he and his "house." Joshua had a family. As concerned as Joshua was about the children of Israel, he knew that he and his family must live by their faith IN GOD. He was willing to stand by his faith. Joshua and Caleb were the only two of the spies who said that with God's help they could take the Promised Land. He moved with similar spiritual strength before Israel when entering the land. Though not flawless, his lead is a great example.

Families desperately need solid examples of spiritual leadership. Spiritual leadership is first developed and refined in the home. Men must make sure they do not abandon their roles as spiritual leaders even though practicing the leadership role invites opposition from the culture of today's world. You will be appreciated by some and praised by few. Rest your faith in, and draw your spiritual strength from God, not the praise of others. It does not matter what else you, as a man, accomplish in this life if you fail as a Christian and spiritual leader to your family. Men have the responsibility (opportunity and God-given ability) to take the lead.

The Bible provides guidance and examples for men today. Some of the examples are good for us to follow and other examples are good for us to learn from. As you go through this set of Discussion Guides, share your thoughts and experiences and encourage one another to love and good works in the service of our Lord.

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