



29. Filling Big Sandals

Listen to God's Word from Joshua 3:7 & 4:14, *"Now the Lord said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you' ... On that day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; so that they revered him, just as they had revered Moses all the days of his life."*

Here's some solid food: Joshua became the leader of Israel filling the role that Moses had for forty years. Joshua had to fill some very big sandals. God called and commissioned Joshua. And then "*the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel*". That could be paraphrased as, "the Lord caused Joshua to grow in the eyes of all Israel". That's why Joshua could fill those big sandals that Moses wore.

Who was Moses before the Lord exalted him? Moses was born to slaves ... adopted by the oppressors ... a murderer ... a fugitive ... a shepherder ... and called into full-time ministry at 80 years old. It's no surprise that when the Lord commissioned

him, Moses responded, “*Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?*”, Exodus 3:11. You see, Moses’ sandals weren't big before the Lord exalted him. God's leaders are great because of God ... not because of themselves. God calls, commissions, and exalts His leaders to serve His people. Be careful whom you follow. Too many Christian leaders are self-called, humanly commissioned, and man-exalted. Maybe God is calling you ... maybe He will exalt you to fill some big sandals.

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