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 - c. Joshua as a young man was even guilty of being "too loyal" to Moses (Num 11:25-29)
 - d. Joshua was one of the two spies who brought back a good report to Moses (Num 14:6-10)
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 1. Num 14:30 **Doubtless** ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.
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2. Joshua became the faithful successor of Moses
 - a. Num 27:15-18 And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying, (16) Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, (17) Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have **no shepherd**. (18) And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the **spirit**, and lay thine hand upon him;
 - b. Deu 3:28 But **charge** Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.
 - c. Deu 31:14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and **present** yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.
3. Joshua led the Children of Israel to follow go through many great victories
 - a. Into the promised land across the Jordan River (Joshua 3:5-17)
 - b. Victory at Jericho (Joshua 6); Ai (8); Makkedah (10:10,28); Merom (11:5-9); Hazor (11:13)
 - c. Joshua 10:12, 14 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou **still** upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. (14) And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD **fought** for Israel.
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 - a. Sin at Ai (Joshua 7)
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