

Finishing Well

COMPLETE ALL TASKS GIVEN BY GOD



Joshua 11:15

As the Lord commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.

Start



End



Micah 6:8

No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Ecclesiastes 11:9

**Young people, it's wonderful to be young!
Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything
you want to do; take it all in. But
remember that you must give an account
to God for everything you do.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. 14 God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

Joshua's Background

- His grandfather was Elishama who was the captain of the sons of Ephraim (1 Chr 7:26). This was an army of 40,500 fighting men (Num 1:33).
- Joshua was born into a dual contextual environment. He was born as a member of a homogenous unit, Israel within the national Egyptian setting.
- Joshua can be called as an Egyptian Hebrew as he was born in Egypt and knew the framework of Egyptian life and activity.
- God was preparing his people to fulfill his promise given to Abraham that after four hundred years his descendants will come back to the land of Canaan (Gen 15:13-16)
- Early life in Egypt – 45 years
- Time before exodus from Egypt and wilderness – 40 years
- Leader of Israel and conquest of Canaan – 25 years



Roles played by Joshua

- **Slave**
- **Aide or assistant to Moses**
- **Military commander**
- **Chief commander**
- **Administrator**
- **Spiritual advisor**



Failures in Joshua's Life

- Defeat against Ai.
- Gibeonite Deception – Did not take God's Counsel



Joshua's Qualities

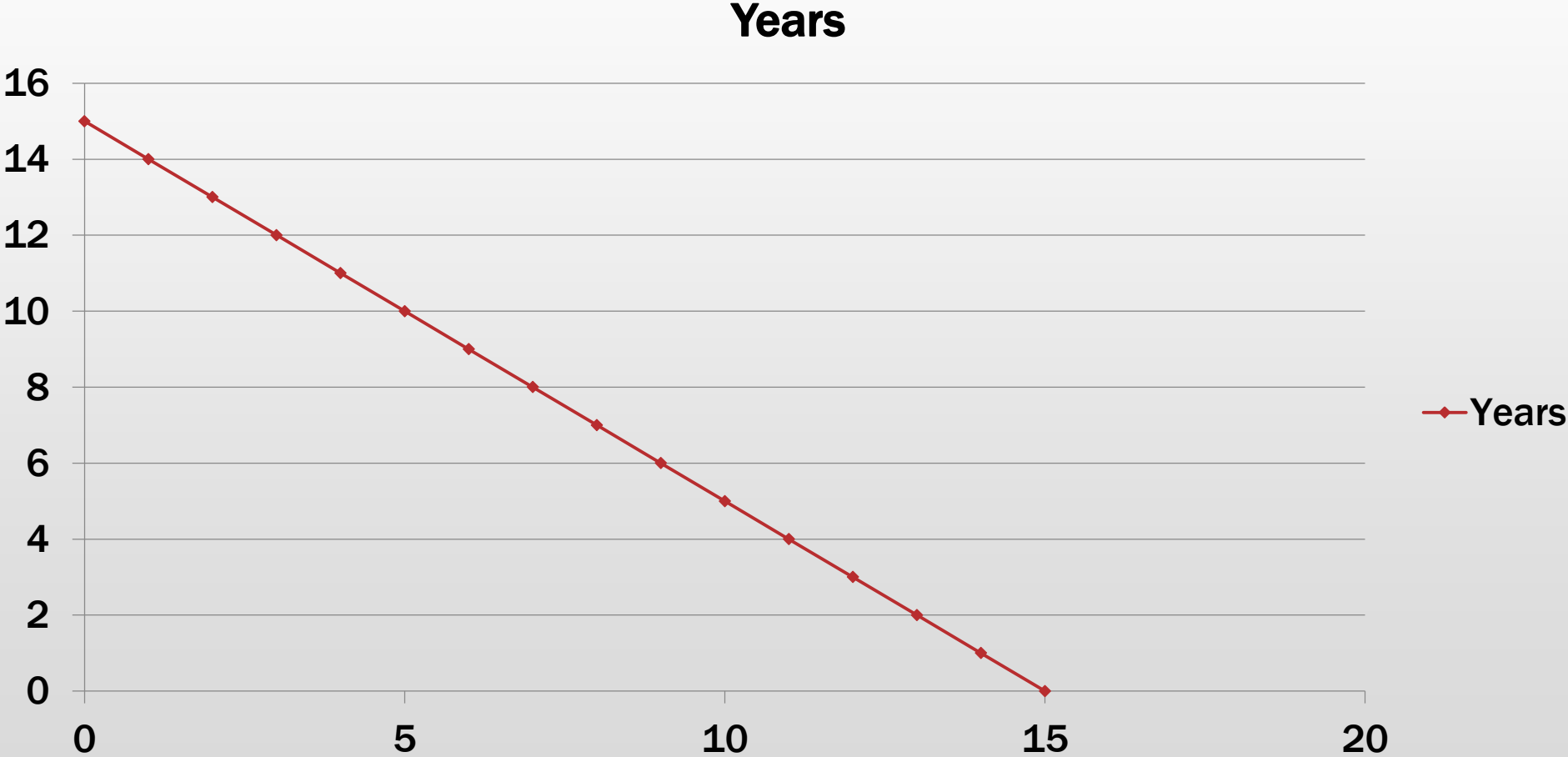
- Humility to be mentored
- Faithfulness
- Faith and trust in God
- Follow God's Word
- Obedience to God's word
- Loyalty and integrity is important to get loyalty from others
- Do not ignore but evaluate your failures in God's presence
- Finishing well is important



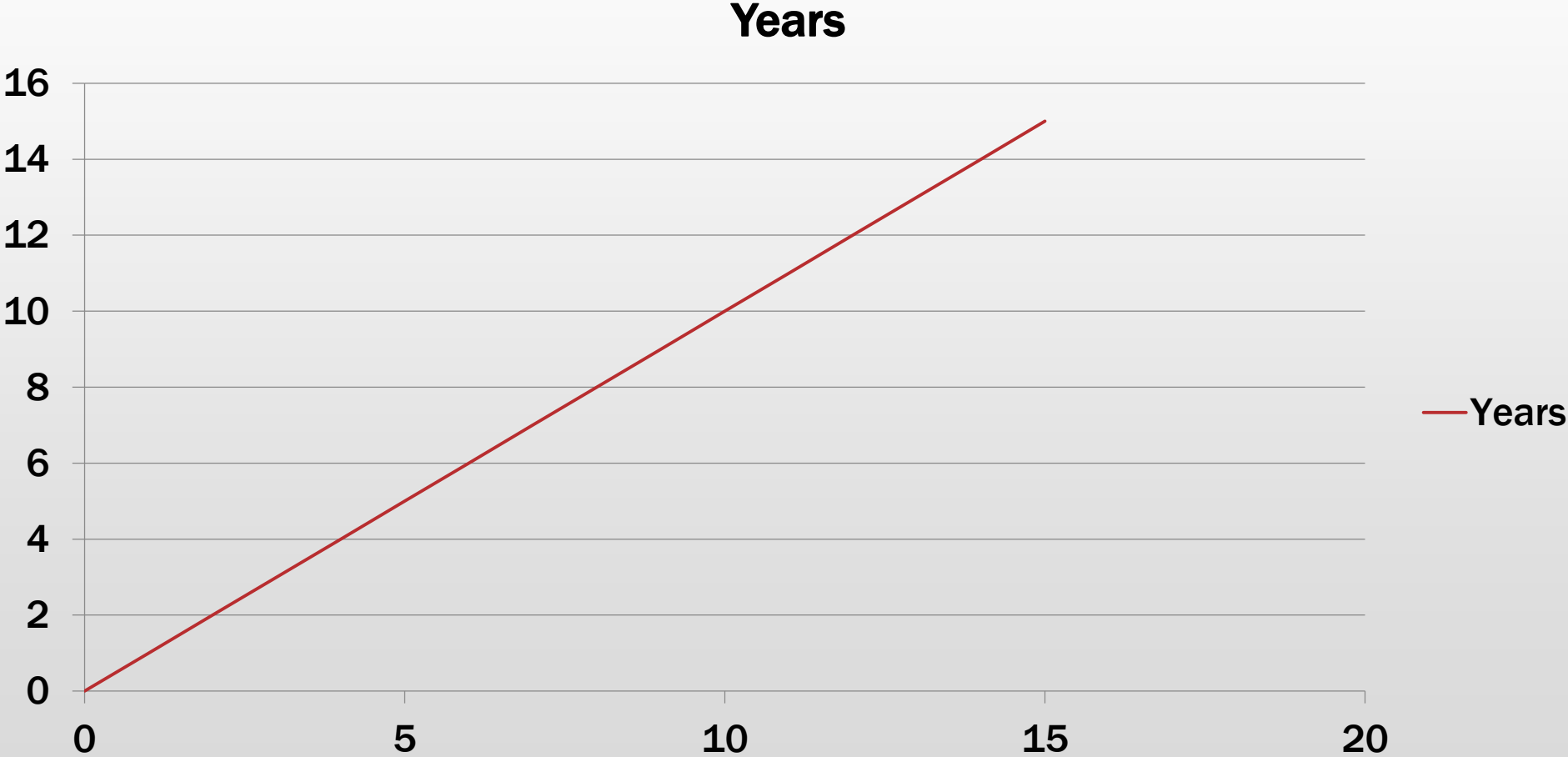
Joshua's Statement

- “But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15)
- Need an acceptance and confidence to say this statement.
- Not by force but by influence.
- Authority will fade away but Influence can grow.

How Authority works?



How Influence works?



To Finish Well

- “You need God's direction before you can prosper in anything you do. However, it takes your choices to begin; it takes your passion to stay on; it also takes your integrity to finish it well!” — Israelmore Ayivor
- 2 Tim. 4:7 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.
- Hebrews 12:1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:1-4

1Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. **2** We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. **3** Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. **4** After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. (NLT)