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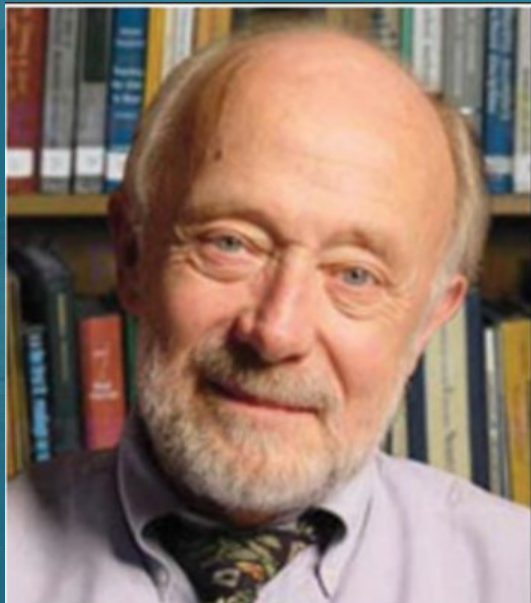
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The Bible tells me. So??



The Bible is true, and some of it  
actually happened.

— *Marcus Borg* —



This is a story about a relationship that takes place in a historical context. It is not a historically accurate account of the Civil War.



Who were Moses and Joshua, anyway?

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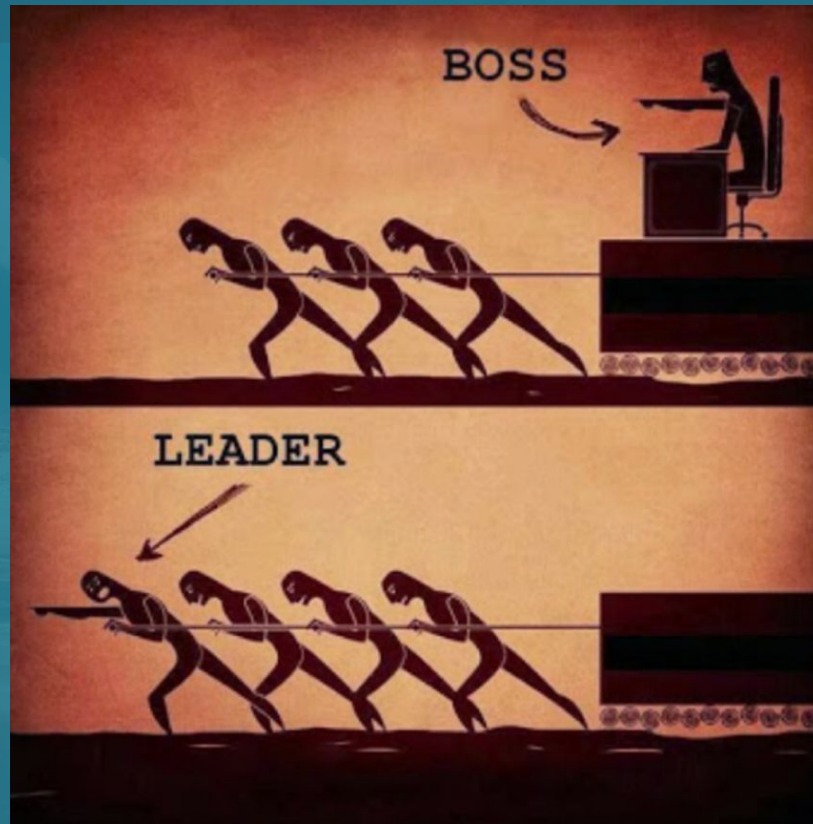
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- 3. Joshua had a more compelling leadership style.*



What qualities are necessary and desirable for leaders to develop?

## *Humility and a servant's heart*

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." — Philippians 2:3*

*"Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." — Mark 10:43-44*

# *Integrity*

*“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but  
whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.” —  
Proverbs 10:9*

# Wisdom

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." — James 1:5*

## *Obedience and Faithfulness*

*"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams." — 1 Samuel 15:22*

## *Courage*

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9*



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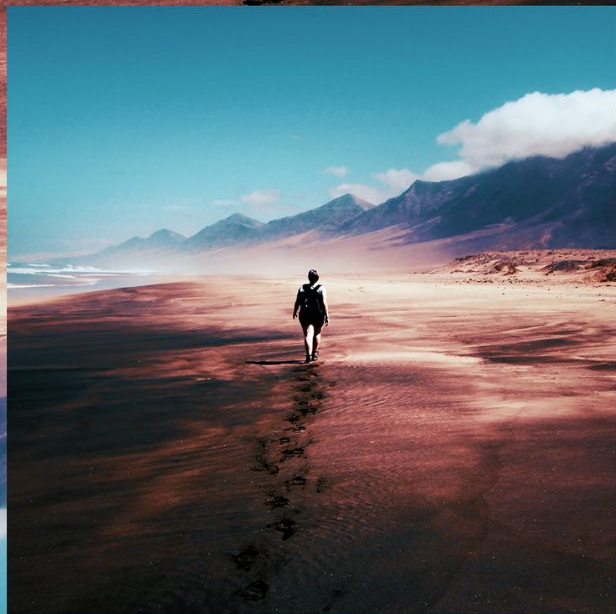


## *Liminal Space*

Liminal is from the Latin word 'limen', which means threshold. A liminal space is the time between 'what was' and 'next.'

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