

For RVA

"Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God."

[Joshua 24:1]

1. Prioritize God's presence

"Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan."

[Joshua 3:11]

"You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord our God who fought for you."

[Joshua 23:3]

2. Practice remembering

"I" - 21 times

"It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your face, for You have loved them."

[Psalm 44:1-3]

"Therefore, in view of God's mercy, present yourselves..."

[Romans 12:1]

3. Place yourself in the bigger story

"Psychologists have a thing called the narcissism test. They read people statements and ask if the statements apply to them. The median narcissism score has risen 30% in the last two decades. Along with the apparent rise in self-esteem, there has been a tremendous increase in the desire for fame. Fifty-one percent of young people report that being famous was one of their top personal goals. In one study middle school girls are asked who they would most like to have dinner with. Jennifer Lopez came in first, Jesus Christ came in second. The girls were then asked which of the following jobs they'd like to have. Nearly twice as many girls said they'd rather be a celebrities personal assistant than president of Harvard."

[The Road to Character, Brooks]