

## Liberty in Order

**Read:** Joshua 1:10-18

**Main Idea:** Real freedom is found in the structure that God provides for us; when we walk in His order, we experience the liberty He desires for His people.

**Key Verses:** "Everything you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you, as he was with Moses!" **Joshua 1:16-17**

### Key Principles

- Submitting to God's order is the pathway to the freedom He has always intended for His people.
- True obedience requires hearing God's word clearly and passing it on faithfully, without diluting or distorting what He has commanded.
- Taking practical steps in response to God's commands is itself an act of faith that demonstrates genuine trust in His timing and His promises.
- Remembering how God has kept His promises in the past is what fuels the courage we need for present obedience.
- When one part of the body withholds participation from the shared mission, the whole community bears the weight of that absence.
- Supporting those whom God has placed in authority over us is the practical way we uphold the order God Himself has established.
- A community that takes obedience seriously protects both its mission and the freedom that comes from walking in God's order.

### Discussion

1. What does our response to God's commands reveal about whether we truly believe He is good and that His ways are best for us?
2. How does Joshua's immediate obedience in verses 10-11 model what it looks like to respond to God's word without delay or personal modification?
3. What promises from God's Word are you currently being called to remember and trust as you face a challenge, transition, or assignment in your life?
4. Why does God require the eastern tribes to fight alongside their brothers even though they have already received their land, and what does this teach us about participation in the local church?
5. What does it look like, practically, to genuinely affirm godly authority in your family, your workplace, or your church rather than simply tolerating it?
6. Where are you most tempted to resist God's order this week, and what one concrete step of obedience is this passage calling you to take?

### Prayer

- Pray for hearts that find true freedom in God's order rather than resistance to His structure.
- Pray that:
  - We would proclaim the freedom found in joyful submission to God's Word and leaders.
  - We would prepare and position ourselves to step into what God is calling us toward.
  - The lost would see in our unity and obedience a witness to the freedom found in God alone.

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b><u>Prepare</u> for God's <u>plan</u>.</b>  | <b>1:10-11</b> |
| 1.          | <u>Obey</u> His <u>instructions</u> .         | 1:10           |
| 2.          | <u>Organize</u> His <u>provisions</u> .       | 1:11           |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b><u>Unite</u> in God's <u>purpose</u>.</b>  | <b>1:12-15</b> |
| 1.          | <u>Remember</u> His <u>promises</u> .         | 1:12-13        |
| 2.          | <u>Receive</u> His <u>possessions</u> .       | 1:14-15        |
| <b>III.</b> | <b><u>Trust</u> in God's <u>leaders</u>.</b>  | <b>1:16-18</b> |
| 1.          | <u>Affirm</u> godly <u>authority</u> .        | 1:16-17        |
| 2.          | <u>Acknowledge</u> worldly <u>rebellion</u> . | 1:18           |

NEXT WEEK:  
**Scarlet Threads of Redemption**  
Joshua 2