

Finishing Well

Read: Joshua 13:1-33

Main Idea: Faithfulness in the journey is essential for believers to fully experience God's promises, reminding us that each step we take in faith prepares us for the blessings God has in store.

Key Verses: "Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him... "there remains yet very much land to possess....all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians. I myself will drive them out from before the people of Israel. Only allot the land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you" (Joshua 13:1, 6).

Key Principles

- God is never finished with His servants, so we press on in faithful obedience even when age or weakness tells us to quit.
- When God assigns us a task, He calls us to focus on our part and trust Him to do what only He can do.
- Faith claims God's promises in advance, (i.e. dividing the land before it is conquered) because His word is certain.
- Remembering God's past faithfulness fuels present obedience and future hope.
- Tolerated sin, like the Canaanites left in the land, never stays quiet but grows into tomorrow's crisis.
- The believer's greatest inheritance is not what God gives but God Himself.

Discussion

1. When have you been tempted to coast spiritually? What does God's word to Joshua in 13:1 teach us about complacency at any stage of life?
2. Why do you think God commanded Joshua to divide land that had not yet been conquered? What does that reveal about walking by faith?
3. How does remembering what God has already done (13:8-12) strengthen you to trust Him for what He has yet to do?
4. What "Geshurites and Maacathites" (13:13) are you tolerating, areas of compromise you have learned to live with instead of driving out?
5. What does it mean that the LORD Himself was Levi's inheritance (13:33)? How would treasuring God's presence above His gifts change your daily walk?
6. What is one unclaimed area of obedience or ministry God is calling you to possess? What specific step will you take this week to pursue it?

Prayer

- Pray that we would press on in faith until we possess all God has promised.
- Pray for:
 - Our church to boldly proclaim the faithfulness of the God who finishes what He starts.
 - Courage to confront lingering sin instead of learning to live with it.
 - Neighbors who need to hear that God Himself is the inheritance offered in Christ.

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Joshua 13

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| I. | <u>Pursue</u> the <u>Calling</u> God Has Given. | 13:1–7 |
| 1. | Press on <u>when</u> you are <u>weak</u> . | 13:1 |
| 2. | Press on <u>because</u> God is <u>strong</u> . | 13:2–7 |
| II. | <u>Purge</u> the <u>Sin</u> God Has Defeated. | 13:8–13 |
| 1. | Remember <u>what</u> God has <u>done</u> . | 13:8–12 |
| 2. | Remember <u>who</u> God has <u>conquered</u> . | 13:13 |
| III. | <u>Possess</u> the <u>Reward</u> God Has Promised. | 13:14–33 |
| 1. | <u>Treasure</u> God's <u>presence</u> . | 13:14 |
| 2. | <u>Trace</u> God's <u>hand</u> . | 13:15–31 |
| 3. | <u>Take</u> God's <u>reward</u> . | 13:32–33 |

NEXT WEEK:
God's Mission for Your Life
Matthew 28:16-20