

# Clarifying God's Vision for Our Future

## Part 4—From Wandering to Winning:

### Obedience Opens the Promise

*Nehemiah 9:21—<sup>21</sup>For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell! (NLT)*

- Israel's story points beyond \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, the true and greater Deliverer, who leads us into God's promised \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Obedience Begins with \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

*Joshua 1:7-9—<sup>7</sup>Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (NIV)*

- Israel's future hinged on one thing: \_\_\_\_\_
  - God did not change the \_\_\_\_\_—He changed the generation who were now willing to \_\_\_\_\_

*Deuteronomy 30:19-20—<sup>19</sup>Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! <sup>20</sup>You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and*

*obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (NLT)*

- Joshua and the people of Israel were commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word \_\_\_\_\_, not partially
- Faith is not just \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_—it's \_\_\_\_\_ Him enough to \_\_\_\_\_
- We \_\_\_\_\_ God's promises when we \_\_\_\_\_ what God has already spoken
- Delayed obedience is still \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Obedience Requires \_\_\_\_\_ Before the Miracle. (Joshua 3:13-17)

- The Jordan River did not part \_\_\_\_\_ the priests stepped into it
  - This miracle required \_\_\_\_\_, not sight
  - Obedience often \_\_\_\_\_ understanding
  - God makes a way \_\_\_\_\_ we step out, not \_\_\_\_\_
  - Faith was \_\_\_\_\_ by action
  - Faith that waits for \_\_\_\_\_ never moves forward
  - Our courage is not confidence in \_\_\_\_\_, but confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ who goes ahead of us

#### 3. Obedience Leads to \_\_\_\_\_ That Only God Can Get Credit For. (Joshua 6:1-20)

- Jericho fell not by \_\_\_\_\_, but by \_\_\_\_\_
  - God's method ensured God \_\_\_\_\_
  - When we \_\_\_\_\_ God's way, God's \_\_\_\_\_ is revealed

- Some walls won't fall through \_\_\_\_\_—only through \_\_\_\_\_
- Israel moved from wandering to possessing, not because God changed His \_\_\_\_\_, but because they finally changed their \_\_\_\_\_
- Obedience doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ the promise—it \_\_\_\_\_ us to receive it

*Joshua 24:15b—<sup>15</sup>. . . choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . (NIV)*

- God wanted them to live as His \_\_\_\_\_ children . . . to be a \_\_\_\_\_ for the world

*Isaiah 49:3—<sup>3</sup>He said to me, “You are my servant Israel. I will display my glory through you.” (GW)*

- The \_\_\_\_\_ was never the end goal— \_\_\_\_\_ was

*Matthew 11:28—<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (NIV)*

- Through Christ: The \_\_\_\_\_ is secure, the \_\_\_\_\_ is open, and the \_\_\_\_\_ is already won
- Some of us are praying for God to change our \_\_\_\_\_, when God is waiting for us to change our \_\_\_\_\_

### **Action Steps . . .**

- Accept Jesus as Savior
- Resolve to be obedient in following Him