

Promised Land
Life Built on God's Word
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Joshua 21:43-45 So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. The Lord gave them **rest on every side**, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. **Not one** of their enemies withstood them; the Lord **gave all their enemies into their hands**. **Not one** of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; **every one was fulfilled**.

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us.

Key Thought: Our Promise Land is not a physical territory; it is a spiritual reality. It's not real estate, but a real state of the heart and mind.

Why don't we live as conquerors?

- ✓ Fear of Intimidation.

Numbers 13:31-33 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

- ✓ Disappointment.

Joshua 1:1-2 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites."

- ✓ Afraid of the unknown.

Joshua 3:2-4 After three days the officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before."

Joshua 1:3-10 "I will **give you** every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses...No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be **with you**; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. 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. 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. 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.**”

A Life Built on God’s Word:

1. I must accept its authority.

- It is Historically accurate.
 - **Eyewitness accounts.**
 - **Recorded and copied with extreme care.**
 - **Archaeological confirmation.**
- Scientifically accurate.

Psalms 148:5-6 (NLT) Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for he issued his command, and they came into being. He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked.

Isaiah 40:22 God sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.

Job 26:7 He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.

Jeremiah 33:22 (NLT) ...the stars of the sky cannot be counted.

Psalms 12:6 And the words of the LORD are **flawless**, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.

- Prophetically accurate.

2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 We also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

2. I must assimilate its truths.

Key Thought: By listening, reading, and exploring God’s Word.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Key Thought: Don’t just read the Bible, let the Bible read you.

Psalms 119:11 I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

3. I must apply its principles.

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

John 8:31-32 Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Walk Away: Today I will make the shift from a wilderness mindset to a Promise Land mindset by renewing my mind in God’s Word.