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Joshua Series, Episode 4 (Joshua 13-16)

Sunday, October 1. Joshua 14:6-12

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- How would you explain the importance of having spiritual convictions to a child or to someone who isn't a Christ-follower?**
- What does following the Lord "wholeheartedly" mean to you personally?**
- What helps you stay passionate about following and serving God when you're waiting on God to move or find yourself engulfed in a tough or challenging situation?**
- How did Caleb's trust in God impact his attitude and actions—as a 40-year-old man spying out the land, and as an 85-year-old asking for his inheritance?**
- What does Caleb's example show about serving the Lord no matter our age?**
- What's about Caleb (actions, words, attitude, beliefs, etc.) stood out to you most from this passage and why?**

Monday, October 2. Joshua 13:1-33

Even after many battles and defeating many kings, there was still a large portion of the Promised Land to be taken over. With Joshua now being an old man, the Lord speaks with him about his age and the remaining untaken regions. God tells Joshua that He will drive out the inhabitants of the mountain regions, and then gives Joshua direction about the allocating of the mountain areas as an inheritance. The remainder of chapter 13 describes Moses' distribution of the land east of the Jordan among the tribes of Gad, Reuben and a half tribe of Manasseh. The tribe of Levi did not receive any land as an inheritance.

What does God's interaction with Joshua show about His continued faithfulness to Joshua and the Israelites? What does it reveal about God being aware of the details of our lives, and having a master plan to take care of and provide for His children?

Tuesday, October 3. Joshua 14:1-15

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Wednesday, October 4. Joshua 15:1-12

Thursday, October 5. Joshua 15:13-63

Friday, October 6. Joshua 16:1-10

Joshua 15-16 (as well as the chapters we'll look at next week) detail the allotting of the land to the different tribes of Israel. These types of passages are most certainly not as engaging to read as the action-filled storylines and narratives of the previous chapters. Yet, they are an important part of biblical history. These chapters record and lay out exactly what took place with the Israelites, which was a necessary and important part of record keeping for the Israelites. However, these historical records are also important for us today in that they help us understand other scriptures.

As you read chapters 15 and 16 to finish out this week, ask God to reveal something to you from each passage. And remember, the fact that these records are part of God's Word means that they are important to God and should therefore be important to us.

What do these chapters reveal about God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises to the Israelites? What does that suggest about God keeping His promises to us? What do these passages show about God being interested in the details of our lives?

Saturday, October 7.

Review Joshua 13-16. Read Joshua 17-20 in preparation for Sunday's message.