

POSSESSING THE PROMISE: THIS IS US

JOSHUA 1:6, Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

1. **Devoted Things Belong to God:** You cannot possess your promise until you let go of the devoted things in your midst.

Joshua 7:13, Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you.'

Matthew 25:15, To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

2. **Don't Be the "Trouble" in the Family:** Will you be the one to cause a generation of your family to miss their promise?

Joshua 7:19-21, Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the God of Israel and make your confession. Tell me what you have done." 20 Achan replied, "I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. 21 For I saw a beautiful robe imported from Babylon, and some silver worth \$200, and a bar of gold worth \$500. I wanted them so much that I took them, and they are hidden in the ground beneath my tent, with the silver buried deeper than the rest."

3. **Follow the Leader:** The succession of the possessing mission hinged on Israel getting in line behind Joshua, their new leader.

Joshua 1:16-17, And they answered Joshua, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 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!

4. **This Is Us:** This transition is about all of us!

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but many.

