

POSSESSING THE PROMISE

Joshua GWT 1: ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will help these people take possession of the land I swore to give their ancestors.

1. HOW DOES JOSHUA COME TO POWER

- God uniquely positioned Joshua to be (Aid to Moses/Military commander), Joshua kept his focus on his calling (serving Moses)

Exodus 33: ¹¹So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

- What you focus on is what you will desire

Joshua 1: ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

2. THE PROCESS OF POSSESSION

- **Abraham conceived, Moses incubated, Joshua executed**

- **Conception**

Genesis 12: ¹Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- **Incubation**

Exodus 3: ¹⁰Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

¹²So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Exodus 4: ¹⁰Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

¹¹So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD? ¹²Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

¹³But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send.”

¹⁴So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses,

- **Execution**

Joshua 1:6 ⁶Be 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.

Ephesians 6: ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

- You possessing the promise is never about you alone (By staying the course God gives you a testimony that everybody connected to you can witness)

3. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU

Luke 17: ²⁰Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “**The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.**”

1 John 4: ⁴You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

- Power of God is in our testimony to the world (what is our life saying to people?) You will build the kingdom of God where you are going (family, work, community)
- Will you take your testimony to the world (Will you make it know are you a secret agent for the Lord?)

Conclusion:

- Look at where God has placed you and be focused on the work He has given you.
- Possessing the promise takes time, there are three levels of growth
- God is near you, He is in you, we take His witness to the world