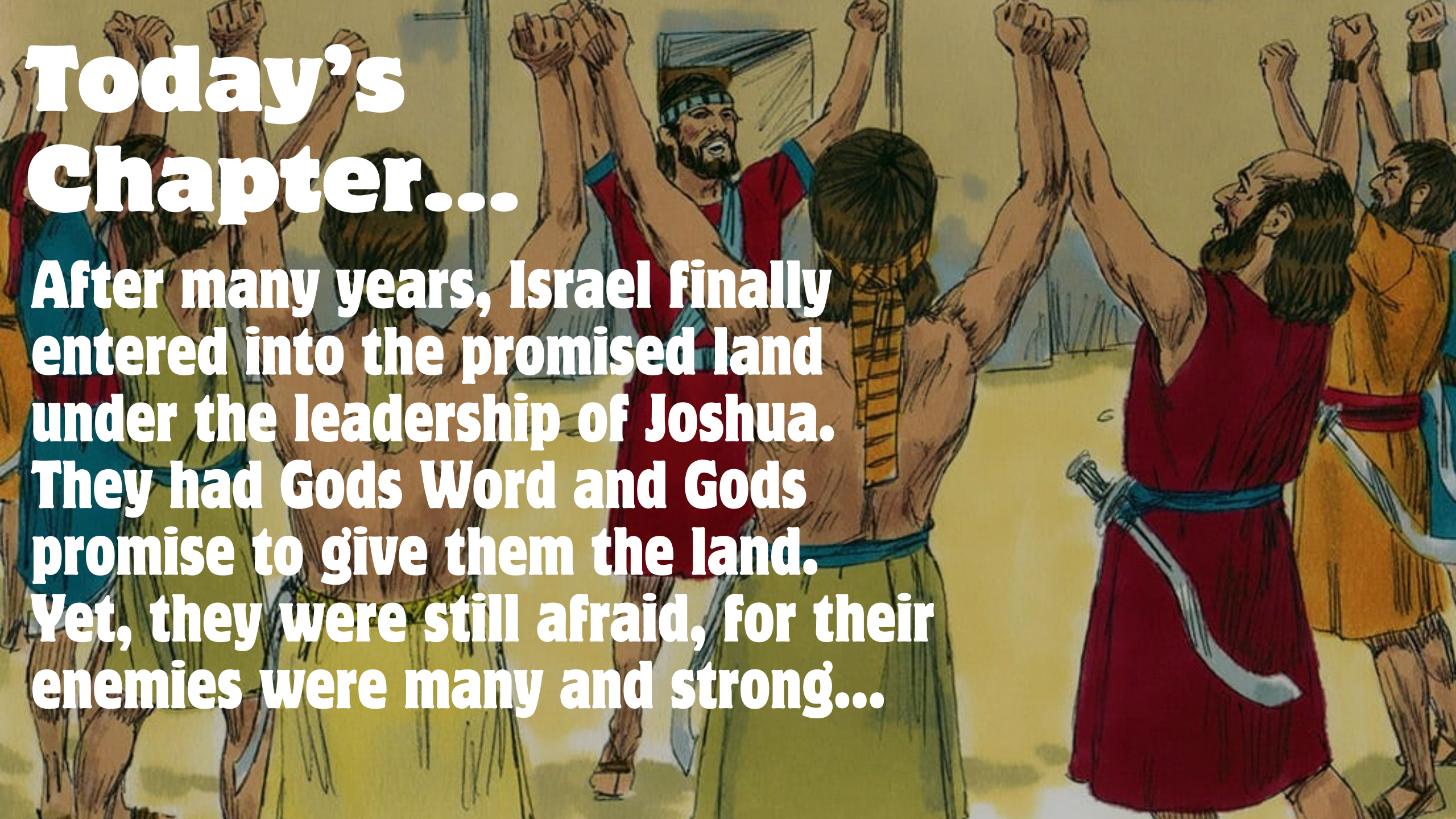




THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 10/25

Joshua:
Fear and Faith



Today's Chapter...

After many years, Israel finally entered into the promised land under the leadership of Joshua. They had Gods Word and Gods promise to give them the land. Yet, they were still afraid, for their enemies were many and strong...

Today's Scripture:

Joshua 1:8-9

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”



The Story: Joshua

- **When Joshua entered the promised land as the leader of Israel, he was scared.**
- **God saw that Joshua was scared, and spoke to him directly in order to prepare him for the battles he had to fight.**
- **The first thing God reminded Joshua of was His Word – God no longer spoke mainly through prophets. Now, God's Word was written down. If Joshua ever doubted, he could go to God's Word and remember who God is!**
- **The second thing God reminded Joshua of was His promises. God told Joshua he didn't need to be afraid, for God would be with him wherever he went.**

Why it Matters in the Big Story

- Sometimes, when bad things happen, we forget about God.**
- Sometimes, when we're hurting, God feels far away and very quiet.**
- However, God is never silent or far away. His Word, the Bible, can be read by anyone, and His promises to us can be remembered.**
- When we choose to trust in God's promises, we choose to have faith that God will do what He said He will do.**



GOD IS...

God is promise-keeper. That means that God will never, ever break His promises. God has promised to punish sin, so He will. God has promised to forgive those who ask for forgiveness, so He will. God has promised never to leave His children, so He won't.

Reflection Questions

1. When Joshua was scared, what was the first thing God reminded him of?

His Word!

2. When Joshua was scared, what was the second thing God reminded him of?

His promises!

3. What do we call trusting in God's promises?

We call that faith!

Challenge Question: How will you put your faith in God this week?