

Joshua 13:1-33 – Keep Moving Forward in Faith

Spiritual Growth is a Lifelong Journey

Joshua was now old and advanced in years, and yet God told him:

"There remains yet very much land to be possessed." (Joshua 13:1)

Even after decades of leading Israel and witnessing incredible victories, Joshua's work wasn't finished. There was still land to conquer, still promises to claim.

This challenges me to ask: *Am I still pressing forward in my walk with God, or have I become complacent?*

Many believers start their Christian journey on fire for God, eager to grow and experience His power. But over time, it's easy to hit a spiritual plateau—to stop striving for deeper intimacy with Him and settle into a routine. Instead of expecting new victories, I can find myself looking back at what God *used* to do in my life rather than seeking what He wants to do now.

God doesn't want me to just remember past victories—He wants me to walk in fresh ones today. There is always more of His presence, more of His power, and more spiritual ground to take in my life.

Beware of Spiritual Complacency

Israel had already conquered much of the land, but they didn't finish the job. They were content with what they had, and this later became a problem when the unconquered territories led them into idolatry and sin.

This reminds me that spiritual complacency is dangerous. If I stop pressing into God, areas of my life that I haven't fully surrendered can become strongholds.

- ✓ Have I become comfortable with certain sins or bad habits?
- ✓ Are there areas in my heart that I haven't fully given over to God?
- ✓ Am I satisfied with where I am spiritually, or do I desire to grow deeper in my faith?

The Bible says, *"The Spirit desires what is contrary to the flesh"* (Galatians 5:17). My flesh will always try to pull me away from a deeper walk with God. If I'm not moving forward, I'm drifting backward.

I can't afford to settle. I must keep pressing on to the full victory that God has promised.

God Has an Inheritance for Me

God instructed Israel to divide the land even though parts of it were still unconquered. This was a declaration of faith—God was saying, *"I have already given you this land. Now step into it."*

God has an inheritance for me as well—not just in eternity, but in my life today. He has promised:

- Victory over sin (Romans 6:14)
- Peace in the midst of trials (John 14:27)
- The power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- Purpose and calling (Ephesians 2:10)

The question is: Am I stepping into what He has already promised me? Am I claiming the victory He has given me, or am I hesitating because of fear, doubt, or complacency?

Final Reflection

Joshua 13 reminds me that:

- Spiritual growth never stops. No matter my age or stage in life, there is always more God wants to do in me.
- Complacency leads to spiritual stagnation. If I stop moving forward, I start drifting backward.
- God has more for me. His promises are mine to claim, but I have to step into them by faith.

Lord, I don't want to become spiritually complacent. Keep me pressing forward, seeking You with fresh passion. Show me the areas in my life where I still need to grow and give me the faith to step into all that You have promised. I trust You for victory. In Jesus' name, Amen.