

Joshua 16:1-10 – Fully Possessing What God Has Given Me

God Has a Place and a Purpose for Me

Joshua 16 describes the inheritance of Ephraim and Manasseh, the descendants of Joseph. Just as God gave each tribe a portion of land, He has also given me a specific calling and purpose in His kingdom.

I am not placed where I am by accident. God has assigned me a role, a mission, and a spiritual inheritance. The question is: Am I stepping into it fully, or am I holding back?

- Do I recognize that God has prepared a place for me in His plan?
- Am I actively living in my calling, or just existing?

Ephesians 1:11 reminds me:

"In Him we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will."

I need to embrace what God has given me and walk confidently in my purpose.

Partial Obedience Leads to Future Problems

Joshua 16:10 states:

"They did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; so the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers."

The people of Ephraim left pockets of the enemy in their land, allowing them to stay instead of fully removing them as God commanded. Later, these same enemies became a source of trouble and temptation for Israel.

This makes me ask: *Are there areas in my life where I've allowed compromise?*

- Have I left certain sins unchecked, thinking they won't be a problem?
- Am I tolerating things in my life that God has called me to remove?
- Have I settled for "good enough" instead of complete obedience?

God calls me to full surrender, not partial victory. Small areas of disobedience now can lead to major struggles later if I don't address them.

God's Blessings Require My Faithfulness

Ephraim and Manasseh received a **great inheritance**, but **they didn't fully take possession of it**. They settled for less than what God had intended.

I don't want to make the same mistake. God has given me:

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Joshua Chapter 16

- Victory over sin (Romans 6:14)
- A calling and purpose (Ephesians 2:10)
- The power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

But if I don't step into these blessings, I miss out on what God wants to do in my life. Faith isn't passive—it requires action.

Final Reflection

Joshua 16 challenges me to:

- Step fully into God's calling. He has given me an inheritance—I need to claim it.
- Remove any areas of compromise. Partial obedience can lead to future struggles.
- Actively pursue God's promises. I can't afford to settle for less than all He has for me.

Lord, help me to fully embrace what You have given me. Show me any areas where I've compromised, and give me the strength to remove them completely. I don't want to settle for less than Your best. Help me walk in full obedience and trust. In Jesus' name, Amen.