



Sermon Series: Joshua: Power of God
Sermon Title: Relentless Faith in the Promises of God
Scripture: Joshua 14-15
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INTRODUCTION

- Chapters 14-15: The Tribe of Judah
- Chapters 16-17: The Tribes of Ephraim and Western Manasseh
- Chapter 18: The Tribe of Benjamin
- Chapter 19: The Tribes of Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Dan
- Chapters 20-21: Appointing Cities of Refuge and Cities and Pasturelands for the Levites

Note: Chapters 14-19 begin and end with Caleb and then Joshua receiving their inheritance.

Verse 5: *"The people of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses; they allotted the land."*

I. RELENTLESS FAITH IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. Chapter 14: The Tenacious & Passionate Faith of Caleb

1) The All-Encompassing Nature of Faith

Verse 8: *"...yet I wholly followed the Lord my God."*

Verse 9: *"...you have wholly followed the Lord my God."*

Verse 14: *"...he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel."*

2) The Anchor and Active Resolve of Faith

Joshua 14:6b, 10, 12 -

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope." (Psalm 130:5)

"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:18)

"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test!" (2 Cor. 13:5)

3) The Backward and Forward Looking Gaze of Faith

Joshua 14:10-12 -

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

4) The Expectant Energy of Faith

Joshua 14:12 -

B. Chapter 15: The Tangible & Personal Inheritance of God’s People

Verses 1-12: Deceptively Exciting Verses

Verses 13-19: Faith in Action

Verses 20-63: The Substantial, Concrete Reality of God’s Blessings

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.” (Philippians 3:20-4:1)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why do chapters 14-19 begin and end with Caleb and then Joshua receiving their inheritance?
2. Does your faith have a direct impact on all areas of your life? Why do you think that’s the case?
3. What was the anchor and foundation of Caleb’s faith? What does Caleb want?
4. How does faith “manifest” and “show” itself? What is the “fruit” of faith?
5. What does faith look back to and look forward to?
6. What is Caleb’s response to the fortified cities and giants living in the land?
7. Why is it important to know, understand, and think about the return of Jesus and the blessings we’ll receive in Him?