

Sermon Outline
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Joshua - Taking Possession

Sermon Text: Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua was commissioned to take over the land of Canaan which the Lord had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Joshua was a man of faith

Faith in himself? NO!

Faith as a positive mental attitude? Not all by itself. Positive mental attitude is generally important for getting things done.

Faith in the ancient covenant promises made by God

Numbers 13

What had God said? Long ago...

Genesis 12:1-3

More recently God said to Moses

Exodus 3:7-8

Most recently to Joshua:

Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua believed God!

What about you? When God has made promises to you in his word, do you believe and act on them, or do you doubt God and refuse to act on his promise?

What promises has God made to you? Riches, good health, trouble free life???? NO!

“Your sins are forgiven”

“I am for you and with you”

“I will never leave you or forsake you”

About your creaturely/human limits, even death: God in Christ says “been there done that”

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

“You are blessed of my Father, not cursed”

Galatians 3:13-14

Revelation 1:17-19

Joshua had this kind of faith. Not faith in self, not merely a positive mental attitude

“One plus God makes a majority”

Result

Joshua 1:10-18

Philippians 3:10-14

Are you willing to follow him with confidence in all of life?

Or is this just a season you have to get through? Stoic endurance?

Faith is commitment---- trusting God in Christ.

This is a huge moment in the history of God’s plan for the world!

God had many things to teach his people about the gospel.

The faith and prayers and deeds of God’s people matter even in the context of God’s absolute sovereignty over all things.