

## **From Promise to Possession: The Gift of God and the Work of Faith**

**Joshua 1:10-18**

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Where can rest and peace be found? (Matthew 11:28; Mark 6:31)

The Sabbath is a day of rest.

The Promised Land is also a return to Eden.

### **What is Rest?**

Rest is vine and fig tree happiness. It is shalom.

On this road trip to eternal life, we have many rest stops.

How do we turn the promise of rest into possession?

What do you do with promises? Mix them with faith and make obedience.

The Promises of God require an active response of faith.

Faith takes God at his Word and acts on that Word.

How did Joshua and the people of God lay hold of the promise by active faith?

### **Leadership v 10-11**

They took action. Made plans, sent spies, stored supplies.

Joshua commanded the officers to issue marching orders to the people.

How are we as a congregation to act faith in the promises of God in our day?

### **Unity, v 12-18**

We trust God together, we serve God together.

*All Israel* is emphasized in this book (3:7; 4:14; 7:24; 8:15; 10:15)

There was cohesion under God's delegated leadership.

Even the 2 ½ tribes that were already settled on the TransJordan were part of the work.

*There must be unity in the work of the people of God.*

### **Faithfulness v 12-15**

Doing what you promised.

We will leave our wives and children behind, and go to war with you.

All before we will enter into our rest. (Num 32:1-35; Deut 3:18-20)

**Radical Commitment v 16-18**

Anywhere, anytime, anything. I am at your service.

What is an Every Member Ministry?

**Recognized, Spiritual Leadership v 17**

“We will follow and obey because we know that God is with you.”

Active faith is necessary to turn the promised gift into actual possession.